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Palacios, MPLT ink $15M line of credit agreement

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REPORTER

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and the Marianas Public Land Trust board of trustees signed early this week a $15-million line of credit agreement that will serve as bridge financing for $100 million worth of capital improvement projects funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

» Conference committee fails to come up with a product on bill to repeal, enact MPLT line of credit law

Palacios said in a statement yesterday that the line of credit will help expedite the progress of about $100 million worth of CIPs without burdening the general fund.

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GUEST SPEAKER
Commissioner Anthony I. Macaranas
Overview of initiatives within the CNMI's Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Commissioner's Plan of Action.

KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting yesterday at the Saipan World Resort's Sunflower Room. During their May general membership meeting, they heard presentations by acting Department of Public Safety commissioner Anthony Macaranas and executive director SES Mark Hashimoto, U.S Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. As part of Macaranas' presentation, he shared DPS initiatives and action plan under his leadership. Meanwhile, Hashimoto gave members of the Chamber an insight on the U.S. Department of Defense's activities.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Joe Guerrero spoke briefly about the impending exit of Hyatt Regency Saipan during the Chamber's general membership meeting yesterday.

Chamber president: I won't be surprised if another major business leaves CNMI

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, though shocked by Hyatt Regency Saipan's devastating news of its impending closure, says it's not

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Chi says IPI needs $150M to finish casino/resort building

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC director/general manager Howyo Chi said last week that it will cost IPI $150 million to finish IPI's casino/resort building in Garapan.

As to Commonwealth Casino Commission board chair Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero's question during the CCC board monthly meeting where would IPI get manpower to finish construction, Chi said he does not know at this point.

Chi, however, disclosed that there are some Korean and Japanese construction companies that have reached out to IPI to complete the construction.

As for DeLeon Guerrero's question whether IPI is still banned from hiring foreign

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The lobby area of the still uncompleted Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan.

Palacios says investors interested in the CNMI

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With Hyatt Regency Saipan officially announcing its exodus from the CNMI come June, the administration of Gov. Arnold I. Palacios is now working on bracing for the impact which includes plans for the future of the Hyatt property itself. Fortunately, Palacios remains optimistic saying there are investors interested in the CNMI.

Palacios

In a previous interview with Palacios, despite the impending loss of the Hyatt Regency Saipan, he remains optimistic

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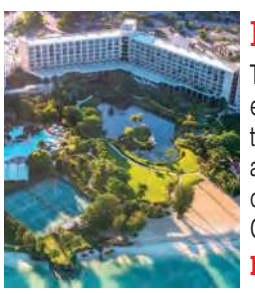

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce expresses its deep concern regarding the closure of Hyatt Regency Saipan at the end of June 2024 due to the challenging circumstances of the CNMI No. 1 industry, tourism.

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Mike Tyson's fight against Jake Paul in Texas this summer has been sanctioned as a competitive boxing match rather than an exhibition, and the rounds will be shorter and the gloves will be heavier.

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MVA

Hong Kong Airlines chair Jianfeng "Jeff" Sun, center, Marianas Visitors Authority chair Gloria Cavanagh, sixth right, MVA deputy managing director Judy C. Torres, fourth right, and other dignitaries and flight crew hold a press conference at Hong Kong International Airport on April 28, 2024, prior to Hong Kong Airlines flight to Saipan. It was the first flight to the Marianas from Hong Kong and China since before the pandemic.

Flights from China to the Marianas resumes

Direct flights between China and the Marianas have resumed for the first time since before the pandemic with Monday's arrival of Hong Kong Airlines at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

An inaugural flight ceremony was held at Hong Kong International Airport before the flight's departure to Saipan late Sunday, April 28. Hong Kong Airlines is now operating flights twice a week from Hong Kong using Airbus A330 aircraft with 292 seats.

Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang and officials of the Commonwealth Ports Authority and Marianas Visitors Authority were on hand on Saipan to greet the inaugural flight, which was hailed with a water cannon salute upon arrival. As indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian dances were performed, a brief welcome ceremony was held with Hong Kong Airlines chair Jianfeng "Jeff" Sun, who had personally piloted the flight to Saipan.

"I can tell you, there is a real feeling of anticipation and optimism in the government and especially the private sector with the launch of these flights," MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion said at the ceremony. "I would like to extend a tremendous si yu'us ma'ase, olomwaay, and thank you to chairman Sun and Hong Kong Airlines for their confidence in our destination and for making these flights a reality. We are excited about the positive bookings they are seeing, and we believe this bodes well for the future of these flights and the greater expansion of connectivity with China and the many other countries in the Hong Kong Airlines network."

Prior to the pandemic, visitor arrivals from China comprised over 40% of all visitor arrivals to the Marianas with multiple direct flights a week from five cities. So far this fiscal year, Chinese tourists have comprised about 5% of all visitor arrivals. During the ceremony, Sun alluded to the possibility of increasing flights based on initial strong consumer demand. ***(PR)***

MVA

Dancers of Petlas Marianas Micronesia and Simiyan Marianas welcome passengers of Hong Kong Airlines upon arrival their at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Saipan on April 29, 2024.

MVA

Hong Kong Airlines chair and flight pilot Jianfeng "Jeff" Sun speaks at a brief ceremony to mark the arrival of Hong Kong Airlines at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Saipan on April 29, 2024. The arrival was the first flight to the Marianas from Hong Kong and China since prior to the pandemic. From left, Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Leo Tudela, Sun, Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang, Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Gloria Cavanagh, and MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

CUC board OKs another Aggreko contract extension

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors has approved CUC management's recommendation to extend again the contract with mobile modular power supplier Aggreko for one year.

Acting CUC executive director Betty G. Terlaje said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Tuesday that the board approved during their monthly meeting last Thursday the contract extension for Aggreko, which will cost CUC about $3 million.

"We renewed it for one year because our Engine No. 4 is still being put together. We need the capacity," Terlaje said.

She said power Engine No. 3 is still down and Engine No. 3 1 is needing overhaul.

The acting executive director said, basically with the large engines being down, they need to retain Aggreko so that they have sufficient capacity and for reserve to support the community's demand.

Terlaje said having Aggreko would actually help CUC because the other power engines that they have in Power Plant 4 and Power Plant 2 are less efficient than the engines that Aggreko provides.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Aggreko mobile modular power plants in Lower Base.

Aggreko's extended one-year contract is expiring this month, May.

The power purchase agreement with Aggreko started in 2019, with CUC paying the independent power supplier a fixed monthly cost of $302,400, according to the transition report.

The original contract with Aggreko was to provide temporary power for 90 days while CUC's generator engines were being overhauled and repaired. The contract was then extended several times.

Public hearing held on bill that seeks to amend certain provision of CPUC Act

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The Senate Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee conducted last Tuesday a public hearing on a bill that seeks to amend certain provisions of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission Act of 2006.

PUC chair James Sirok, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Janice A. Tenorio, CUC acting executive director Betty G. Terlaje, and CUC board legal counsel Hunter Hunt appeared before the PUTC Committee.

Manglona

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), who chairs the PUTC Committee, said in an interview that they were just trying to expedite the consideration of House Bill 23-97 as they have issues with PUC.

Manglona said Sirok is lobbying for some of the concerns that he has as chairman and as a PUC body.

He said they are just trying to expedite the bill, which was introduced by Rep. Vincent S. Aldan (Ind-Saipan), and that some of the concerns are just simple issues like their hiring procedure, accounting, and procurement.

Manglona said PUC wants more flexibility.

He said the Legislature does not give PUC any budget.

"Our concerns been over the years, they don't have a quorum," said Manglona, adding that PUC is a regulatory agency.

Aldan stated in the bill that as an independent agency, which oversees and regulates the tremendously important public utilities of the CNMI, the PUC must have independent control of its finances, expedited procurement of its needs, unencumbered hiring of its employees to successfully operate in a timely and efficient manner, and added compensation to cover the extra demands of the commissioners.

Aldan said the purpose of the amendments will change the manner of the PUC's funding administration, the processes of its procurement needs, the hiring of its staff and employees, and an adjustment to the compensation of the commissioners to guarantee proper payment of their extra time and expenses to regulate the important utility entities.

He said this will also entice highly qualified candidates to accept all the responsibilities of the PUC's many challenges to protect and preserve the fair and reasonable costs of the public utilities.

Next-day postponement of NAP food coupons issuance

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-Nutrition Assistance Program has announced that due to unforeseen circumstances, the office has postponed the issuance of food benefit coupons for Nos. 3 and 4 from Thursday, May 2, 2024, to Friday, May 3, 2024.

Issuance of food coupons for Nos. 5 and 6 will be issued on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8am to 3pm.

Individuals with questions about the NAP Program can contact the DCCA Nutrition Assistance Program Office at (670) 237-2800. ***(PR)***

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DPS on hunt for man wanted for attempted robbery

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The Department of Public Safety is on the hunt for a man who attempted to rob Dollar Poker Room in Garapan early last Monday morning.

DPS is in need of the community's help in identifying a man accused of attempting to rob Dollar Poker Room in Garapan early last Monday morning.

"If you have any information regarding the incident, please call DPS-Criminal Investigation Bureau at (670) 664-9000/1 or Crime Stoppers at (670) 234-7272 for any tip," said DPS spokesperson Sgt. Fred Sato.

According to DPS, at approximately 12:56am on April 29, police dispatch received a call regarding an attempted robbery at the Dollar Poker Room in Garapan.

DPS states that when officers arrived on the scene, they spoke with the female cashier who stated that an unknown male individual had approached the booth from the rear of the establishment.

The suspect was allegedly holding a knife and demanded money while pointing his weapon at the cashier.

The cashier said she immediately activated the establishment's panic alarm, causing the suspect to flee the area.

"The male suspect was described as wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans, slippers, and a face mask. He also had long hair, which appeared to be a wig," DPS states.

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surprised and believes that by how slow the CNMI is recovering, others may follow suit.

In an interview with Chamber president Joe Guerrero yesterday, he shared that just like the rest of the community, the Chamber is in shock and concerned about Hyatt's recent announcement of permanent closure.

"We feel for the employees that will have make this new transition and we're concerned about what kind of signal this event will have for other businesses," he said.

Guerrero said the biggest concern is that other businesses, even other hotels, may follow suit.

"I don't think anyone saw this happening, for Hyatt particularly, but we're not surprised. We're disappointed and shocked, but we're not surprised by closures such as Hyatt's. Many businesses could've closed during COVID, but they were hopeful that COVID was temporary. Now, I won't be surprised if another major hotel or business group decides to leave the CNMI. I pray that it doesn't happen, the Chamber isn't trying to scare anyone, but I just wouldn't be surprised if another major business decides to close permanently. What we have right now is not sustainable, but I'm hoping we don't have more closures," he said.

Guerrero explained that closures are possible given that the CNMI's recovery has been slow.

"We hope that those that are considering closing down, like the Hyatt finally did, don't do it. We hope things will get better sooner rather than later and we hope this is not going to impact other major businesses that have been struggling due to COVID, and now that we're opening back up and our tourism [industry] is recovering, it's too slow for many businesses to survive long term," he said.

Meanwhile, in its official statement, the Chamber urges the CNMI government officials to work collaboratively to support Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (D-MP) efforts in urging U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to exempt the CNMI from DOT's current policy that limits the number of passenger flights from China to the United States. The Chamber believes this is the key to ensuring the full recovery of the China market.

"For nearly two decades, industry stakeholders including hotel operators, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the CNMI government adopted and pursued a tri-market tourism strategy. For years leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic, our tri-market included Korea, Japan, and China and this strategy worked well in developing our destination and in hedging against risks associated with these source markets' respective economies and currency fluctuations against the U.S. dollar. Unfortunately, today, we only have Korea as our single source market. Bringing back the Japanese market remains challenging, and the China market will not resume to pre-pandemic levels without direct flights from China. As a chamber representing the business community, we urge government officials, industry leaders, and community members to work collaboratively to support Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's efforts," said the Chamber in a statement.

Further speaking on Hyatt's exodus from the CNMI, the Chamber expresses its deep concern regarding the closure of Hyatt Regency Saipan at the end of June 2024

"The closure of such a prominent establishment with a long history in the CNMI tourism industry underscores the significant impact that the ongoing and prolonged downturn in tourism has had on our local economy. The Chamber recognizes the importance of the tourism industry as a vital driver of economic growth, job creation, and community development in the CNMI. We stand in solidarity with the management, staff, and stakeholders of Hyatt Regency Saipan during this difficult time. Their unwavering dedication to providing world-class hospitality for the past 44 years has been a cornerstone of our tourism sector, and their absence will be felt for years," it said.

"Many in our community are with heavy hearts about the planned closure as the Hyatt has touched so many of our lives. At the Hyatt, many memories were made including weddings, anniversaries, and enjoying one of the best Sunday brunches in the Marianas. Hundreds if not thousands of our people have worked for the Hyatt over the past four decades. The Hyatt has helped train many in the culinary arts and hospitality and was the major force behind the culinary program at NMTI. Many Hyatt chefs received advanced on-the-job training and eventually worked for other CNMI hotels and restaurants," the Chamber added.

As for the future of the Hyatt property, the Chamber says its hope is that the next operator meets or exceeds Hyatt's service.

"We hope that the next operator of the best beachfront hotel site on Saipan will meet or exceed the Hyatt customer service levels while remaining a consistent supporter of community organizations and non-profits, including the Chamber. We expect the next operator to adopt Hyatt's philosophy of hiring locals first whenever possible. For over a decade, the Hyatt has consistently maintained an 80% or greater local resident workforce rate," according to the Chamber statement.

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that the Hyatt property will not become another abandoned property in the CNMI.

"Let me make one thing very clear, after four decades of presence in the Commonwealth, Hyatt has become a very iconic brand. It's unfortunate and very disappointing that they made this unilateral decision, but we're going to have to pick up the pieces and move forward. What our options are, we are going to have to clearly and deliberatively identify them. If that means going out and looking for other opportunities and possibilities, then that's what we have to do. It goes without saying, I don't think we're going to have much problems getting someone to take over the Hyatt property. However, we have to be very deliberative. I don't want to get ahead of ourselves because we still need to deal with Hyatt. The unfortunate part of all this is there still is no communication," Palacios said.

Palacios specifically notes that there have been investors interested in the CNMI and the loss of Hyatt may be an opportunity to welcome new investors.

"I don't only have Japanese investors [reaching out], I have other nationalities. When one door closes, another one will open. Those properties like the Hyatt and the Mariana Resort [& Spa] are on public land so we do have possibilities. There are a lot of companies from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and even outside of the Indo-Pacific area capable of taking over these properties. The Hyatt Regency property [in particular] is very iconic and very important in the hotel industry of the Commonwealth. Its' a challenge, believe me, I wake up in morning knowing the challenges, but you have to go out there and face it. I will continue to look into what will be sustainable for the Commonwealth in the long run," he said.

Revenue

As far as revenue, Palacios noted that he is also working with the Division of Tax and Revenue to identify what the impact will be once Hyatt leaves the CNMI.

"There will obviously be an impact on our revenue, especially [the Marianas Visitors Authority] that depends on the Hotel Occupancy Tax. As far as employees, maybe not so much, but of course the BGRT, in the short term there is going to be an impact. I have asked revenue and tax to determine what the impact is going to be," he said.

Palacios also touched on rumors that more hotels may be shutting down soon.

"We cannot just leave the burden to MVA to promote the Marianas. Tourism is everyone's business. The world is full of choices. Some of these folks have just recently invested in their properties and we will certainly do what we can to help them survive this, but I can't chain people down. One of the things I want to say is that this administration has done, in the last 14 months, a lot of things to get us back [up] and recover our tourism. We are improving infrastructure, we are investing, we are looking for fundings, and we're not going to stop," he said.

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The governor said they have been working on this line of credit for several months now, and that he is glad that they have come to a resolution that can help accelerate the momentum of these projects that will benefit the community.

"The line of credit allows us to immediately provide seed funding to facilitate progress payments, improve payment turnaround time to contractors, and expedite project competition," he said.

MPLT board chair Philip Mendiola-Long signed the line of credit agreement on behalf of the MPLT.

On Nov. 20, 2023, Palacios signed into Public Law 23-12 a bill which authorizes a line of credit between the CNMI government and MPLT in the amount of $15 million.

The EDA grants have been awarded on a reimbursement basis, and the line of credit from MPLT will allow the CNMI government to front the funds due to vendors, such as architectural firms and construction firms.

The CNMI can then seek reimbursement of these funds from the EDA.

Palacios said the line of credit also supports funding generation for the CNMI through tax collections and more importantly, helps to improve the overall quality of life for CNMI residents by ensuring the timely completion of critical CIP projects.

He said among other benefits, the projects will provide a safe and modernized tourist district, disaster resilient government and educational facilities, and additional economic activity for the CNMI.

Palacios thanked MPLT board members for their partnership and their commitment to seeing the agreement through to completion.

He acknowledged members of the Legislature and the Office of the Attorney General for their role in expediting the review and approval of the legislation and the agreement.

The governor also acknowledged the Office of Planning and Development, which is overseeing many of the projects.

The EDA-funded projects include the Garapan Revitalization Project; the Oleai Sports Complex; the Oleai Cultural Events Center; the Department of Finance Economic Resilience Center; the Northern Marianas College Workforce Development and Training Center; the NMC Center for Research, Extension, and Development Project; Northern Marianas Technical Institute's Workforce Career Training Facility; Statewide Planning Grant project; Marianas Visitors Authority tourist site refurbishment activities; and the Northern Mariana Islands Maritime Training Center (with 500 Sails as the grantee).

The House of Representatives saw a need to fix Public Law 23-12, prompting House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) to introduce House Bill 23-95, House Substitute 1, last Jan. 12. The bill seeks to repeal and re-enact Public Law 23-12. The House subsequently passed the bill on that same day.

The Senate later passed its version of the bill, but last March 13, the House rejected the Senate's version.

Villagomez and Senate President Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) then created a conference committee that will resolve their difference on the bill.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry, Villagomez said yesterday that the conference committee was not able to come up with a product.

"Based on the rules, majority of the Senate members and House members have to agree. Unfortunately, that did not happen," Villagomez said.

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workers, Chi said as far as he knows it's a four- or five-year ban starting from 2020.

He said, however, as soon as they can settle with the U.S. Department of Labor and if they put in certain deposits, they expect to be allowed to get foreign workers to finish the construction.

The U.S. Department of Labor barred IPI from hiring H2-B and Commonwealth-Only Transitional Workers (CW) for five years.

Chi said they anticipate to hire a chief executive officer "certainly before we go live."

He said with their filing of Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, it is his understanding that the receivership has been automatically stopped.

Chi said IPI's iconic dragon is still there in the casino/resort facility.

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Meanwhile, there are six tiers of entry for participating teams: Pulan for families and Napu for schools, will cost $300 for both; Atdao for non-profits, $399; Tano for non-profit organizations partnering with a school, educational institution or government agency, $500; Puti'on for corporations, $550; and Tasi for corporations partnering with a family, non-profit organization or school, $750. ***(PR)***

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DEELYN MANOSHI CAMACHO KEREMIUS, VINCENT ANTHONY CAMACHO KEREMIUS and JOHN CHRISTIAN CAMACHO KEREMIUS,	: CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-0401
Plaintiffs,	
-v-	
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Defendant.	

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, who address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filling.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated April 12, 2024, by order of the Court.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re the Matter of the Petition To Correct:	] FCD CIVIL] ACTION NO.] 24-0162]
LUZVIMINDA S. INDALECIO Petitioner(s)	] **NOTICE OF**] **HEARING**]]

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2024.

Patrick V. Diaz
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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Governor David M. Apatang, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB), hereby gives notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on ***Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 8 a.m.*** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board of Professional Licensing Conference Room, BPL Building on Capitol Hill.

AGENDA

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II. Determination of Quorum

III. Review and Adoption of Agenda

IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (04/10/2024)

V. Public Comments
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VII. Director's Report
- **Senate Bill 23-62 – Contractors Licensing Act**

VIII. Investigator's Report

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- Renewal = _____ Pending = _____

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
- **Report to the CNMI HCPLB (Dr. P. Brett) - NPDB Data Request Worksheet for CNMI**
- **Report Re Dr. Zigman's Complaint**

XV. Announcements
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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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NOTICE TO ADJACENT LANDOWNERS SURROUNDING TINIAN ROUTE 205 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

APPLICANT: CNMI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PROJECT: TINIAN ROUTE 205 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The CNMI Department of Public Works submitted a Major Siting application to the Division of Coastal Resources Management for the improvement of Tinian Route 205 on 16 April 2024. The application was assigned Coastal Permit No. TMS-2024-044.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed action includes paving the existing gravel road from the Route 205/Route 206 intersection to the Route 27 intersection. The project's starting point is at Park Avenue, which is also known as Route 27, and it extends until it reaches the Route 206 intersection. The Right-Of-Way (ROW), which refers to the land acquired for the construction and maintenance of the road, has specific dimensions along different sections of the project. From Park Avenue to the intersection of route 205, the ROW width is 60 feet and spans approximately 1,000 linear feet. The Route 205 ROW width is 40 feet and spans approximately 2,700 linear feet until it reaches the Route 206 intersection. Total length of road to be paved is approximately 3,700 linear feet (0.7 miles).

The project includes improvements to the drainage system, drainage conveyance to the ponding basin, and utility adjustments.

Biological surveys were conducted by Micronesian Environmental Services (19 November - 2 December 2020 and 25 October-14 November 2023) to determine whether federally threatened or endangered species would be affected by the proposed action.
No federally threatened or endangered species were detected during the surveys.

This notice is being issued to comply with NMIAC §15-10-206(e)(2)(i) "Alternative Adjacent Property Owner Notification".

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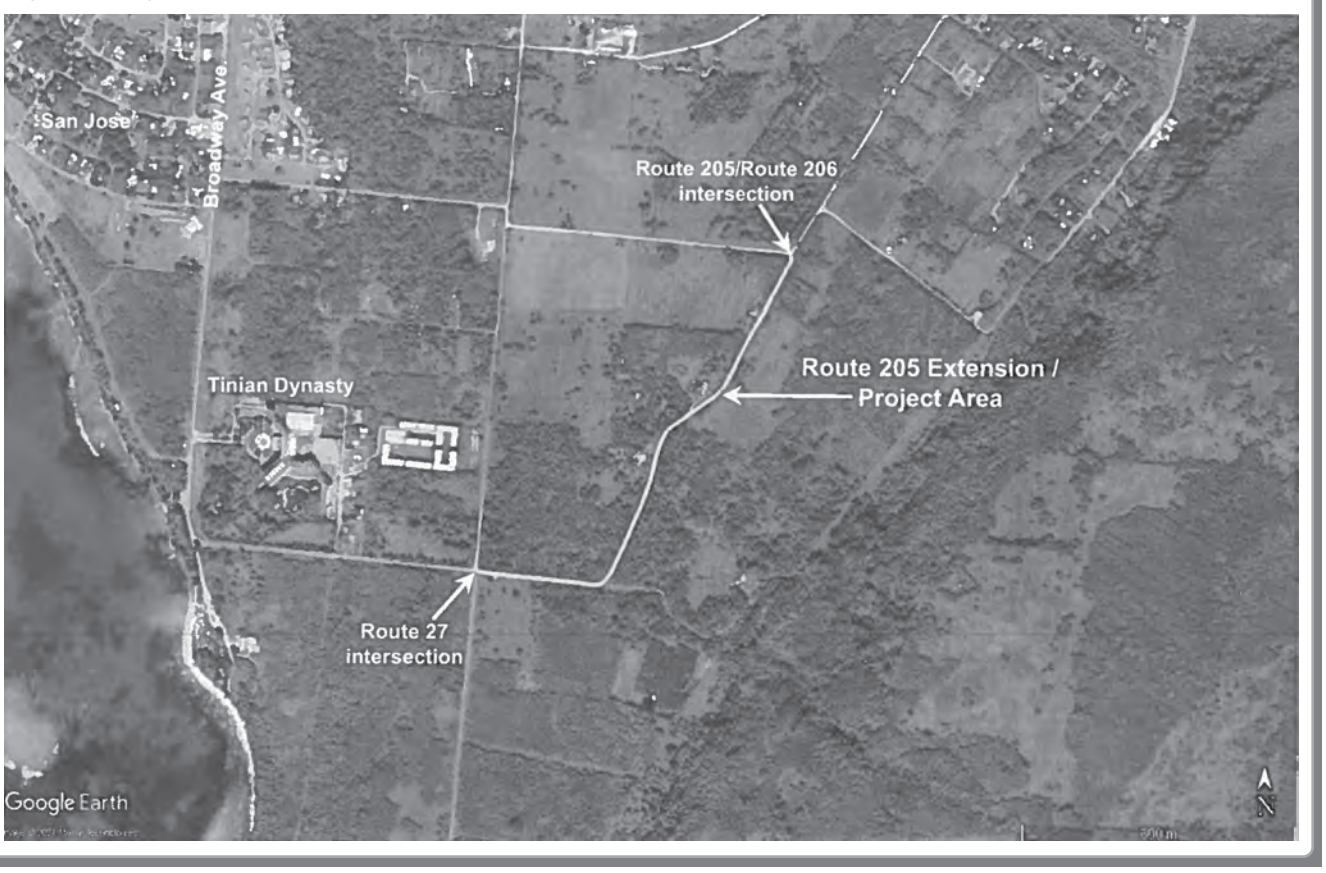

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WE'RE DOOMED IF TRUMP WINS
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EDITORIAL

Want to move to Canada? Think carefully, Americans

Over the years, we've all heard fellow Americans grousing about moving to Canada if an upcoming election doesn't go their way. It's not a bad idea, as Canada is known for friendly people and as a safe place to live and work.

But leaving aside immigration issues, would it be worth it to move? If you ask Canadians these days, you might be surprised to hear them urging you to stay put.

Canadians are in an atypical funk, fed up with longtime Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and hurting from a much weaker economy than the U.S. has experienced in recent years. If you think inflation, interest rates, uneven economic growth rates and the high cost of housing are problems in the U.S., don't bother looking north for salvation. Canada, arguably, has it a lot worse.

And while their youthful leader has a better head of hair than either President Joe Biden or Republican challenger Donald Trump, Trudeau is probably tearing it out right now as his approval numbers sink. A restless nation is on track to oust him during a federal election widely expected to be held next year.

Trudeau started life as the Canadian version of a Kennedy, part of a bilingual political clan blessed with movie-star looks and sunny optimism. His brand appealed to an audience stretching from French-speaking Quebec to the flinty maritime provinces and across the country's lightly populated west to tony Vancouver.

He won election as prime minister in 2015 as much on star power as a coherent platform, with his wife, Sophie, a telegenic former TV host, at his side.

Trudeau established his feminist cred by appointing a cabinet balanced between men and women and faced up to Canada's awful past treatment of its indigenous population. He championed a successful national child-care

program, marijuana legalization and a wide-open immigration policy. And he seemed informal and unpretentious: He even showed up at Second City in Chicago in 2019, watching a Mother's Day show created and performed by his ever-colorful mother, Margaret, and sitting with the regular audience.

Trudeau's popularity stayed strong for several years, as Canadians watched Americans elect the divisive Trump and then battle over the politics of grievance. Turned out, America's internal turmoil foreshadowed trouble ahead for Trudeau.

A series of nagging scandals dented his image, and then COVID-19 upended Canadian life, as Trudeau shut down the economy and ramped up government spending. The budget soared as the country borrowed heavily for pandemic relief. Unlike in the U.S. under Trump, partisanship gave way to a unified spirit of shared sacrifice in Canada, and Trudeau's Liberal Party enjoyed a brief resurgence.

It didn't last. Lockdowns and vaccine mandates prompted a backlash, culminating in a truck blockade of downtown Ottawa in 2022. Meanwhile, Trudeau took heat for waffling on controversial rules approved in Quebec to protect the French language and ban public servants from wearing hijabs and

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Don't buy the MAGA meme about weak Biden

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The umpteenth reason why I dread this election season is that former president Donald Trump and his campaign have already chosen to go infantile and primitive in matters of foreign policy and national security. The meme MAGA is pushing—on all channels, in answer to all questions, all the time—is that President Joe Biden is "weak," while Trump is self-evidently "strong."

Trump deploys "weak" as one of the default adjectives in almost every barrage he fires at his opponent. His support network then provides the heavy artillery. "JOE BIDEN IS WEAK," screams the Republican National Committee, splicing clips of Biden saying "Don't" to the Iranian mullahs and their proxies, which is meant to suggest that this man in the White House, unlike you-know-who, doesn't know how to deter bad guys.

The meme's underlying theory is as cynical as it is apt. It's based on the "illusory truth effect," the empirically proven phenomenon that anything—truth, half-truth or lie—is perceived as valid when repeated often enough. People who watch Fox News, say, keep hearing that everyone else is worried about Biden's weakness, so they start believing they should worry about it too. The result is that Biden comes across as "likable" but Trump as "strong."

No doubt the Trump campaign also keeps mentioning weakness to amplify perceptions of the president's physical frailty. It's yet another way of setting up Trump as the foil: The Donald admires strongmen and poses as one to his fan base. And there's a reason the term is "strongman," not strongperson (which may be one reason why HBO's "The Regime," a series about a central European autocrat played by Kate Winslet, isn't all that convincing). Among primates, alpha dominance has always been linked to virility; as 1 Kings 1 discreetly puts it, King David knew it was time to go when "he gat no heat."

If that's the cynical and subliminal background to the weakness campaign, it's all the more facile because it omits contemplating what weakness and strength even mean in world politics. Yes, strength does require power and the readiness to use it. In that sense Biden, like Trump as president, has plenty, because America's economic and military prowess remain unrivaled. But there's so much more to it.

The question relevant for leadership is how to use power, both the hard and the soft kind: whether to harness it in pursuit of values and interests or merely to brandish it in fits of narcissism. Trump's style fits the latter description, thinks Kori Schake, a Republican foreign-policy expert who served on the National Security Council under George W. Bush and later worked for the campaign of John McCain. The Donald is a "chicken hawk," she told me.

History is replete with tragic analogs to Trump, but the one I find most pertinent is Wilhelm II, the last Kaiser of Imperial Germany. The Hohenzollern monarch had a withered left arm and a bundle of hang-ups, and spent his life trying to compensate with martial displays, often changing military uniforms several times a day. Afraid of looking weak, he cosplayed bellicosity to seem strong, which was one big reason why Europe in 1914 "sleepwalked" into World War I and lost an entire generation.

Biden's foreign policy, admittedly, is also a mixed bag of hits and misses. Exhibit A for his alleged weakness is the botched American pullout from Afghanistan in 2021. That was chaotic and incompetent. But the strategic decision to redeploy American might elsewhere was right. Biden understood that he had to conserve American power to stop Russian aggression in Europe and contain Chinese revanchism in Asia.

Paradoxically, Biden has also been looking weak vis-a-vis not one of America's foes but one of its friends: Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu. For six months, the president has tried to moderate the prime minister—in order to destroy Hamas and free the hostages while also minimizing civilian deaths and misery and preventing escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict into a wider regional war. "Bibi," in turn, keeps snubbing Biden.

Toward America's adversaries, however, Biden has been simultaneously decisive and measured, which is to say effective. When Vladimir Putin failed to subjugate Ukraine quickly in 2022, the Russian president threatened, and probably contemplated, the use of nuclear weapons. Biden deterred him, by working discreetly with other powers, including China, while also signaling that he would punish Russian forces with a devastating conventional (as opposed to nuclear) counterstrike.

After Iranian proxies killed three American service members stationed in Jordan, Biden used enough force to signal to Tehran that it and its proxies must stop targeting US assets and citizens; so far Iran seems to have got the message. After Israel opened the latest round of escalation by striking an Iranian diplomatic compound in Syria, Biden helped Israel defend itself against the Iranian retaliation, then talked Bibi into a counterstrike limited enough for Tehran to call it a day.

What this statecraft suggests is not weakness, but a mature kind of strength—the sort that doesn't have to prove itself. Biden understands not only his own strengths and weaknesses but also

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In Europe, they cheer passage of Ukraine aid but worry about possible Trump future

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BRUSSELS—On April 19, I watched an audience of European and American political officials and strategic experts pay rapt attention as U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy told them Congress would enact a Ukraine aid package that weekend. Minutes later, the attendees at the German Marshall Fund's Brussels Forum broke into cheers at the news that the House legislation had cleared an initial hurdle on its way to approval the next day.

Their emotional response was testimony to the criticality of tight cooperation between the United States and its European allies if Vladimir Putin's Russia is to be pushed back from Ukraine.

Yet, several days spent in Brussels, including at NATO headquarters, underscored two basic facts: First, Europe (and Ukraine) cannot withstand Russian aggression alone without U.S. leadership and continued aid to Kyiv. And—this can't be repeated enough—Putin's aggression against Ukraine is not just a security threat to Europe. It is also a threat to the United States.

Most NATO members, especially former satellite states of the Soviet Union in Eastern Europe and the Baltics, have watched with growing alarm as Putin repeats his intent to reconstitute the Russian (read: former Soviet) empire and crushes the Ukrainian language, culture, and religion in occupied areas of Ukraine.

That alarm has intensified as Russia has used disinformation campaigns to interfere in European elections and promote far-right leaders more sympathetic to Moscow. Russian missiles have already violated the air space of NATO members Poland and Romania as they target defenseless Ukrainian civilian infrastructure.

Europeans have stepped up dramatically since the Russian invasion to increase their defense budgets and help Ukraine. Donald Trump's claim last week on Truth Social that "the United States is over $100 Billion Dollars into the Ukraine War more than Europe" is utterly false. So is his isolationist stance that "we have an ocean between us as separation."

European nations had committed more than double the amount of aid the U.S. sent to Kyiv prior to the new $60 billion U.S. package, and they are still in the lead. NATO members are creating coalitions to produce or buy weapons that are urgently needed.

For example, former Latvian Defense Minister Imants Lieģis told the forum his nation was part of a 10-country drone coalition, led by the United Kingdom, to urgently provide first-person view drones that are now key to the battlefield. "But we are also looking at the long term, where we see lessons learned from the Ukraine war," he said. One key lesson is that the new mode of war is technological, with drones and electronic warfare, so the coalition is encouraging young innovators and trying to ease procurement rules.

Other European groupings are working on finding ammo and air defenses for Ukraine. But individual European nations—even as they push to increase their defense spending and production and integrate their efforts—cannot match the economic heft of the United States, or many of the advanced weapon systems we produce.

"This is a joint endeavor," I was told by the U.S. ambassador to NATO, Julianne Smith. "The Europeans can provide a lot, but the United States needs to lead."

Moreover, the Europeans recognize what U.S. isolationists don't: This era of technological warfare, in which a vengeful Putin is helped by China, Iran, and North Korea, makes an ocean's protection moot. Think nukes in space, and satellite and information warfare.

"The U.S. population has to understand history," argued Howard Buffett, farmer, businessman, and son of businessman-philanthropist Warren Buffett. His Howard G. Buffett Foundation has partnered with the German Marshall Fund to conduct a series of whistle-stops across America's agricultural heartland to drum up support for Ukraine.

"You have to understand what Putin has done in his lifetime," Buffett said. "Invade Georgia in 2008, Ukraine in 2014, Syria [in partnership with Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad] in 2015. He has already told the world what he is going to do." Added German Marshall Fund president Heather Conley: "If you don't challenge Putin, you will embolden him, because he thinks we are weak."

Which brings us to the frisson of unease that continued to rattle forum attendees and dominate many discussions: Although the passage of the Ukraine aid package undermined Putin's belief that America had abandoned Kyiv, can the United States be trusted to continue aiding Ukraine after 2024?

The good news is that President Joe Biden says the U.S. will rush critical items such as artillery ammo to the front, where Russian artillery now has a 10-1 advantage in firepower.

The even better news is that Biden has finally greenlit the shipment of long-range missiles, known as ATACMS, with single powerful warheads—which Kyiv has been begging for for more than a year. These missiles can take out supply depots and headquarters behind Russian lines, overcoming the stalemate between ground forces. Ukrainian military strategists believe ATACMS can be used to cut off supply lines to Crimea and make the Russian presence there untenable. Hopefully, the overdue U.S. decision will encourage Germany to finally send even longer-range Taurus missiles.

The bad news is that the time frame for desperately needed air defenses for Ukraine is still unclear. F-16s still haven't arrived, and vital U.S.-made Patriot systems to protect against Russian missiles aren't yet on offer. Ukraine has three such systems—two sent from Germany and one from the U.S.—but needs at least seven to protect its cities.

Western nations reportedly have 100 such systems, yet only Germany has volunteered to send one more.

Other European countries are dithering (Spain and Greece may yet come through), but the U.S. is silent. Yet, U.S. defense firms are in the process of exporting a Patriot system to neutral Switzerland. Given the urgent need to save Ukraine's civilian infrastructure from Russia's barbaric attacks, surely Switzerland can wait, and that system could be delivered to Kyiv.

The worse news is that the administration still talks about Ukraine's "holding the line" and rebuilding for 2025. Rather than hold the line, this is the moment to send all aid possible, especially long-range missiles and air defenses to Ukraine, so Kyiv can make as much progress as possible and shield against a possible electoral victory by Trump and the isolationists in November.

Both at NATO and at the Brussels Forum, there was anxious talk about the need for a plan B.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has proposed the establishment of a $100 billion NATO fund contributed to by members that would guarantee five years of funding for Ukraine no matter who is elected U.S. president. The goal, said U.S. Ambassador Smith, would be "to signal to Putin that he can't wait us out." It's not clear whether the proposal will get the necessary backing from members.

At the Brussels Forum, ideas for a U.S. plan B were already being floated. Ukraine's survival, said former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun, "depends on our assistance and political will on our side."

To demonstrate that Western will to Putin, he argues that NATO should no longer permit Russia to treat international Black Sea waters like a Russian lake, despite the littoral presence of three NATO members plus Ukraine on that sea. He also argues for NATO to activate air defense assets in northeast Poland and Romania, both NATO members whose air space has been affected by the Ukraine war. Those air defenses would effectively protect the Ukrainian cities of Lviv and Odesa.

I came back from Brussels convinced that the Europeans understand the urgency of the Putin threat far better than Americans do. It is critical for Biden to explain that urgency to the American people more directly and act on it this year, perhaps with new initiatives at the upcoming 75th anniversary NATO summit in Washington in July.

It is far too risky for the White House to postpone concrete planning to ensure Ukraine's future until after November.

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other religious symbols. Like most western politicians, he's getting beaten up for his no-win response to the Israel-Hamas war: "Mr. Trudeau has struggled to clearly explain Canada's position on the ongoing war," the BBC reported earlier this year, "frustrating allies and opening himself up to criticism."

Along the way, his storybook marriage fell apart.

By far his most difficult challenge, however, is reversing his poor stewardship of the economy. Canada has a wealth of energy and mineral resources, as well as world-class centers of commerce in Toronto and Vancouver. But the soaring cost of living has punished many Canadians, none worse than the Gen Z voters who were among the most pro-Trudeau.

Runaway grocery prices, rising mortgage rates, anemic economic growth and an acute shortage of affordable housing has made life miserable for young adults, who increasingly see the standard of living their parents enjoyed as far out of reach. In a public opinion poll earlier this year, 70% of Canadians agreed with the statement, "It feels like everything is broken in this country right now."

Instead of pushing pro-business policies that would restore growth, Trudeau is doubling down on the same ideas that haven't worked. In the name of battling climate change, he's put handcuffs on the energy sector, echoing a mistake of the Biden administration.

He's come up with no good answer for the housing crisis. Partly to accommodate immigration, Canada needs to build an estimated 800,000 housing units annually over the next five or six years just to meet demand. Last year, it built only 230,000. And instead of encouraging new investment, Trudeau has proposed taxing certain capital gains at a confiscatory top rate of 67%. (The top rate for long-term capital gains in the U.S. is 20%.)

No wonder Canadian companies spend less on training, technology and capital investment than their more innovative U.S. counterparts.

Trudeau's principal political opponent, the conservative populist Pierre Poilievre, likes to repeat the phrase, "Canada is broken," echoing Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan. Similar to Trump, he has stoked division by focusing on wedge issues like Quebec separatism and culture wars around energy. Canadian voters have rarely been so angry.

So far, Trudeau has offered little to voters upset about the unaffordable price of food and rent, except to raise taxes and promise subsidies, which will continue to stymie economic growth. Canadian law requires an election to be held by the fall of 2025, and Trudeau needs to gain back a lot of ground, or he's going down like the loonie, worth just 73 cents to the U.S. dollar at the time of writing, even though it achieved near parity in and around 2012.

Americans, whether it's Trump, Biden or someone else who wins on Nov. 5, better hold off on calling the movers.

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those of enemies such as Putin and the mullahs. Through these nuances, he steers the US and the world as best he can away from cataclysm and toward order.

This is the kind of strength that Herodotus would recognize, based on intellectual humility, not hubris or posturing. It is the fortitude that makes a leader choose advisers who speak truth to power, not toadies who pledge unconditional loyalty. As Bill Clinton said after his time in the White House, "strength and wisdom are not opposing values." Trump may or may not have the first, but surely lacks the second; Biden can plausibly stake a claim to both.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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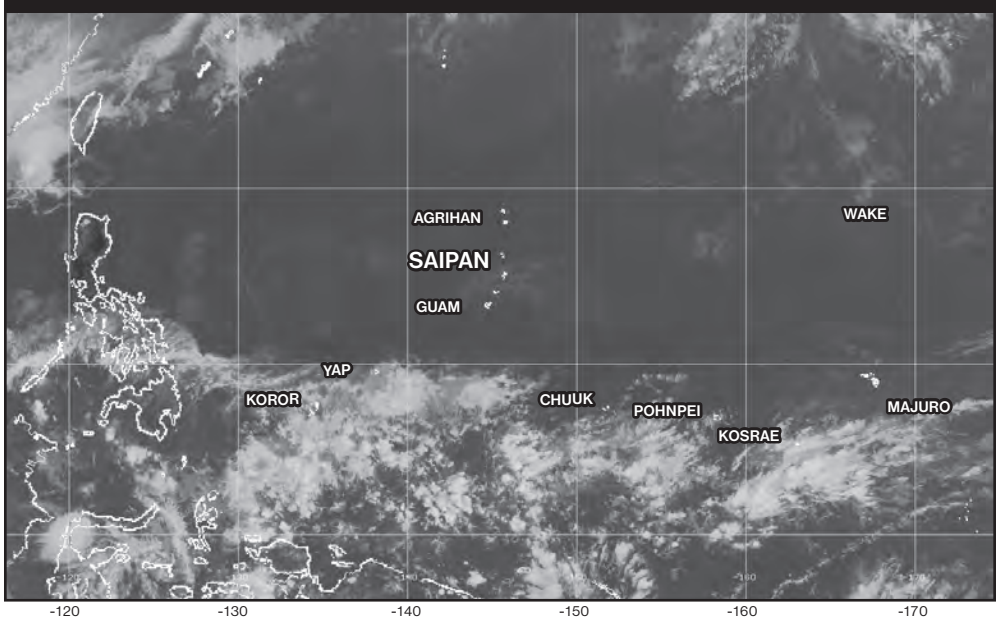

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Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	88° / 79°
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Cloudy	83° / 78°
Kosrae	Cloudy	83° / 78°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°

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Today	5:53 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:35 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:35 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:35 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:35 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	1:12 AM	12:50 PM	-
Friday	1:58 AM	1:49 PM	-
Saturday	2:41 AM	2:47 PM	-
Sunday	3:22 AM	3:45 PM	-
Monday	4:04 AM	4:43 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	68° / 63°
Beijing	Fair	80° / 47°
Hong Kong	Light Rain Shower	84° / 70°
Honolulu	Windy	82° / 72°
London	Showers	61° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	84° / 63°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	99° / 83°
Melbourne	Showers	54° / 48°
Miami	Sunny	83° / 69°
New York	Cloudy	64° / 52°
Osaka	Rain	75° / 59°
Paris	Showers	61° / 48°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	68° / 57°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	72° / 59°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	75° / 51°
San Francisco	Sunny	62° / 51°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	73° / 56°
Tokyo	Rain	75° / 60°
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 66°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
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SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:10AM	9:55AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily
UA193	6:55PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	7:15PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

7C3403/2305	4:45AM	10:20PM	Daily
UA076/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:15AM	6:10AM	Daily
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX77	4:05AM	7:00AM	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	1:50AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:10AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	2, 5 via Palau

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
7C2306/3406	11:10PM	3:10PM+1	Daily

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily
TW307	8:30PM	2:15AM+1	Daily
7C3404	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

HX76	7:35PM	2:35AM+1	4, 7

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1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

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3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday

GUAM TO ROTA

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4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
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1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1206	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
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1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

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2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2106	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
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UOG hosts 9th Annual Film Festival

The University of Guam's Communication and Media program is inviting the public to attend the 9th Annual UOG Film Festival.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the UOG College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Lecture Hall, from 5pm to 8:30pm. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Those planning to attend should reserve a seat by visiting the following site https://forms.gle/KFwGhWxLCePxNWFU9.

The event is being organized by students from the Communication and Media program's CO460 Integrated Public Relations course, taught by Francis Dalisay, PhD, associate professor.

"The UOGFF serves as a platform for showcasing the creative endeavors and artistic expressions of emerging talents from our program," Dalisay said. "The students and their faculty mentor, UOG professor Raymond Anderson, have put in so many hours to produce these films."

This year's UOGFF will feature films competing under the following categories: mood pieces, twisted trailer, short

narratives, documentaries, and mockumentaries. In addition to showcasing student films, the festival will also include a special music video competition. This contest will highlighting the visual storytelling and performance skills of students from UOG's CO210 Fundamentals of Communication class.

The panel of judges for this year's UOGFF include:

Brian Muna

■ Creative director at GTA Teleguam

■ Three-time Pika's Best Videographer

■ 2022 short film winner Best TV Commercial and YouTube video: "We Start with You"

Keano Fausto

■ Alumnus of the UOG Communication & Media

■ 2019 UOGFF winner for Best Narrative and Audience Choice for his film: "Left on Read"

Kent Velesrubio

■ 2014 Guam International Film Festival winner for Best Made in the Marianas Award

■ Events cinematographer

Nia Seneo

■ Producer at Mighty Island

Patricia Amaral Buskirk

■ Associate professor at the School of Communications, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

■ Expert in science communication, media arts, emergent media and indigenous storytelling

■ Has worked with the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement (NCSCE) and Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities (SENCER)

■ Former member of the International Photographers of the Motion Picture and Television Industries (IATSE) Hawaii Local 665 and Hollywood Local 659

For more information about the film festival, visit its Instagram @uogfilmfestival or contact UOGFF Planning Committee member Kiana Aniceto at (671) 788-0226 or email bilonk6890@gotritons.uog.edu.

The University of Guam's 9th Annual Film Festival is sponsored by CLASS Deans office, Kynd Tattoo, Motivational Planning, Micronesia Mall, Micronesia Mall Theatres, Jamaican Grill, Infusion, Motivational Planning, and Livestrong Fitness & Nutrition.

UOGFF Planning Committee members include Kiana Aniceto, Paradise Fejerang, Alyanna Bantugan, and Josephine Hagen. ***(PR)***

RECOGNITION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero was nationally recognized as one of four CEOs of the year in the 2024 Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education National Conference in Oakland, California from April 3 to 5, 2024. The annual APAHE national conference is the largest gathering of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander educational leaders in the United States. Attendees share best practices, new and emerging trends in higher education, and DEI initiatives, while also collaborating on advocacy efforts that affect the AANHPI community on a local, state, and federal level.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 06-2024

Opening date: April 15, 2024 **Closing date: May 03, 2024**

Location: SAIPAN **SALARY**

Position(s): (1) Staff Engineer UNGRADED

Nature of Work

Highly responsible for all engineering programs and activities of CPA.

This employee is responsible for the management and supervision of engineering programs and activities at the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA). Work is technical in nature and reviewed through conferences with the Executive Director or his designee and submission of reports. Employee exercises independent judgment in solutions to situations or problems in which no precedents exist. This position is unclassified.

Minimum Qualifications

Graduation from high school (or G.E.D.) and a four (4) year degree in civil engineering from an accredited U.S. college or university with no less than five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in a professional engineering level of which three (3) years pertain to supervisory experience.

Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the ***CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office, Tinian International Airport, or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.*** Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than **5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 03, 2024.**

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays and austerity, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin, Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.robert@cnmiports.com and hrspecialist@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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Executive Director

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ITB24-CHCC/PHS-PRAMS-012
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 13, 2024 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

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QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB CAN BE MADE TO THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY BY MAY 23, 2024, TO MR. RICHARD V. SALAS VIA EMAIL AT rsalas@dcrm.gov.mp

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ RICHARD V. SALAS
ADMINISTRATOR, OGM

/S/ BRIEN S. NICHOLAS JR.
ACTING DIRECTOR, PS

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Board of Directors

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a Special Board Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Reading of the Notice of the Agenda
D. Adoption of Agenda

II. Stipulated Order Positions Hiring

VI. Public Comments

V. Executive Session **
(Consultation with Legal Counsel)

VI. Adjournment

_____/s/_____
JANICE A. TENORIO
CHAIRWOMAN, CUC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

* All interested persons are welcome to attend, submit written and oral testimony on the above-Agenda items.
** Public Comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the CUC Board of Directors may vote to meet at any time in executive session, in consultation with the Legal Counsel on matters deemed privileged and confidential.

Business

Chamber deeply concerned on impending closure of Hyatt

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce expresses its deep concern regarding the closure of Hyatt Regency Saipan at the end of June 2024 due to the challenging circumstances of the CNMI's No. 1 industry, tourism.

The Chamber said the closure of such a prominent establishment with a long history in the CNMI tourism industry underscores the significant impact that the ongoing and prolonged downturn in tourism has had on the local economy. The Chamber also recognizes the importance of the tourism industry as a vital driver of economic growth, job creation, and community development in the CNMI.

HYATT

The Hyatt Regency Saipan is seen from the beach side of the Garapan property at nighttime.

"We stand in solidarity with the management, staff, and stakeholders of Hyatt Regency Saipan during this difficult time. Their unwavering dedication to providing world-class hospitality for the past 44 years has been a cornerstone of our tourism sector, and their absence will be felt for years. Many in our community are with heavy hearts about the planned closure as the Hyatt has touched so many of our lives. At the Hyatt, many memories were made including weddings, anniversaries, and enjoying one of the best Sunday brunches in the Marianas. Hundreds if not thousands of our people have worked for the Hyatt over the past four decades. The Hyatt has helped train many in the culinary arts and hospitality and was the major force behind the culinary program at NMTI. Many Hyatt chefs received advanced on-the-job training and eventually worked for other CNMI hotels and restaurants," a statement from the Chamber read.

It also hopes that the next operator of the best beachfront hotel site on Saipan will meet or exceed the Hyatt customer service levels while remaining a consistent supporter of community organizations and non-profits, including the Chamber.

"We expect the next operator to adopt Hyatt's philosophy of hiring locals first whenever possible. For over a decade, the Hyatt has consistently maintained an 80% or greater local resident workforce rate."

For nearly two decades, the Chamber said industry stakeholders including hotel operators, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the CNMI government adopted and pursued a tri-market tourism strategy.

"For years leading up to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our tri-market included Korea, Japan, and China and this strategy worked well in developing our destination and in hedging against risks associated with these source markets' respective economies and currency fluctuations against the U.S. dollar. Unfortunately, today, we only have Korea as our single source market. Bringing back the Japanese market remains challenging, and the China market will not resume to pre-pandemic levels without direct flights from China."

HYATT

An aerial view of the Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan.

As an organization representing the business community, the Chamber thus urges government officials, industry leaders, and community members to work collaboratively to support Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (D-MP) efforts in urging U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to exempt the CNMI from DOT's current policy that limits the number of passenger flights from China to the United States.

"The Saipan Chamber of Commerce remains committed to supporting efforts to promote economic resilience, diversification, local workforce development, and long-term prosperity for the CNMI," it noted.

The Chamber is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower our enterprises as a resource, advocate, and connector for Saipan's private sector. Its vision is to create an island where businesses, families, and communities succeed as one.

For more information or to learn how to become a Chamber member, visit online at www.saipanchamber.com, call (670) 234-7150, or visit the 2nd Floor of the Marianas Business Plaza (Suite 201-A). ***(PR)***

CNMI SBDC, Guam APEX Accelerator to host 'Federal Contracting 101' training

The CNMI Small Business Development Center Network is pleased to announce its partnership with the Guam APEX Accelerator in hosting an in-person, two-day, dual-island training series on positioning businesses based in the municipalities of Saipan and Rota toward becoming procurement-ready for federally-funded business opportunities.

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, the CNMI SBDC will be hosting "Federal Contracting 101," a training opportunity for SBDC clients and local businesses to learn how to develop capacity towards bidding for military and/or federal contracts. The training will be held at 4:30pm in Room V109 at the Northern Marianas College campus in As Terlaje, Saipan.

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, the Rota SBDC will host the same training event for its Rota clients and small businesses to avail of the same educational opportunity. Training on Rota will be held at Room A1 of the Northern Marianas College Rota Center at 10am.

Both training sessions will be presented by Boris Hertslet, program manager of the Guam APEX Accelerator.

Nadine C. Deleon Guerrero, network director of the CNMI SBDC Network, invites all to attend this great no-cost training opportunity, "The CNMI SBDC remains committed to expanding access to economic opportunities for our local businesses by increasing their chances of obtaining contracts with the federal government. Arming your business with this capability will be critical as the number of Department of Defense projects intensify within our region. Registering in SAM.gov and understanding the inner-workings of federal contracting are the initial steps towards achieving that." Deleon Guerrero adds, "Even if a business is already registered in SAM.gov, they should still attend as procedures and regulations tend to change year-to-year."

This training opportunity will offer information on the following topics of discussion:

- Registering in System for Award Management (SAM.gov)
- Getting Certified with the Federal Government 8(a) Program
- Finding Federal Opportunities: Exploring contract opportunities in SAM, how to interpret solicitations, and incorporating good search strategies
- Creating/Updating Marketing Capability Statements or Statements of Qualification
- Veterans Certification
- Cybersecurity for Federal Contractors

The following Federal Contracting 101 for Small Businesses Training Events will be held accordingly:

Saipan:

Federal Contracting 101 for Small Businesses

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Time: 4:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Room V109, Northern Marianas College Campus

Register Here: https://marianas.ecenterdirect.com/events/1019157

Rota:

Federal Contracting 101 for Small Businesses

Date: Thursday, May 23rd, 2024

Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Room A1, NMC Rota Center

Register Here: https://marianas.ecenterdirect.com/events/1019155.

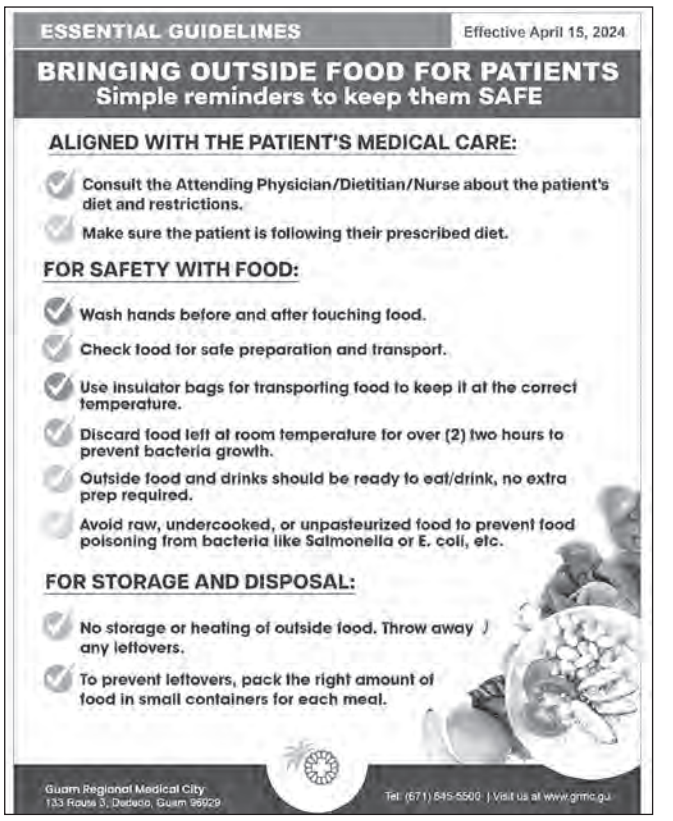
Registration for the training session comes at no-cost, but space is limited. To register for this training or for more information, contact Adelpha K. Magofna at (670) 237-6888 or by email at adelpha.magofna@marianas.edu.

Stay updated with your local SBDC by visiting its official website www.cnmisbdc.com, visit the CNMI Small Business Development Center Network on Facebook, and follow @cnmisbdc on Instagram. ***(PR)***

GRMC to permit outside food for patients

DEDEDO, Guam—Effective April 15, 2024, Guam Regional Medical City has permitted outside food, aiming to foster patient autonomy, embrace cultural and dietary diversity, enhance patient satisfaction, and minimize food waste.

The following guidelines will reflect GRMC's new outside food policy:


ESSENTIAL GUIDELINES
Effective April 15, 2024
BRINGING OUTSIDE FOOD FOR PATIENTS
Simple reminders to keep them SAFE
ALIGNED WITH THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL CARE:
Consult the Attending Physician/Dietitian/Nurse about the patient's diet and restrictions.
Make sure the patient is following their prescribed diet.
FOR SAFETY WITH FOOD:
Wash hands before and after touching food.
Check food for safe preparation and transport.
Use insulator bags for transporting food to keep it at the correct temperature.
Discard food left at room temperature for over (2) two hours to prevent bacteria growth.
Outside food and drinks should be ready to eat/drink, no extra prep required.
Avoid raw, undercooked, or unpasteurized food to prevent food poisoning from bacteria like Salmonella or E. coli, etc.
FOR STORAGE AND DISPOSAL:
No storage or heating of outside food. Throw away any leftovers.
To prevent leftovers, pack the right amount of food in small containers for each meal.
Guam Regional Medical City
133 Route 3, Dededo, Guam 96929
Tel: (671) 645-5500 | Visit us at www.grmc.gu

ALIGNED WITH THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL CARE

A. Consult the Attending Physician/Dietitian/Nurse about the patient's diet and restrictions.

B. Make sure the patient is following their prescribed diet.

FOR SAFETY WITH FOOD

A. Wash hands before and after touching food.

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F. Avoid raw, undercooked, or unpasteurized food to prevent food poisoning from bacteria like Salmonella or E. coli, etc.

FOR STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

A. Outside food will not be reheated or stored. Throw away any leftovers.

B. To prevent leftovers, pack the right amount of food in small containers for each meal.

For more information, contact, Eric Plinske, chief business development officer via email: eric.plinske@grmc.gu. ***(PR)***

Life & Style

Terms for Mike Tyson's fight with Jake Paul include heavier gloves, shorter rounds

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Mike Tyson's fight against Jake Paul in Texas this summer has been sanctioned as a competitive boxing match rather than an exhibition, and the rounds will be shorter and the gloves will be heavier.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation this week approved terms for the July 20 fight at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

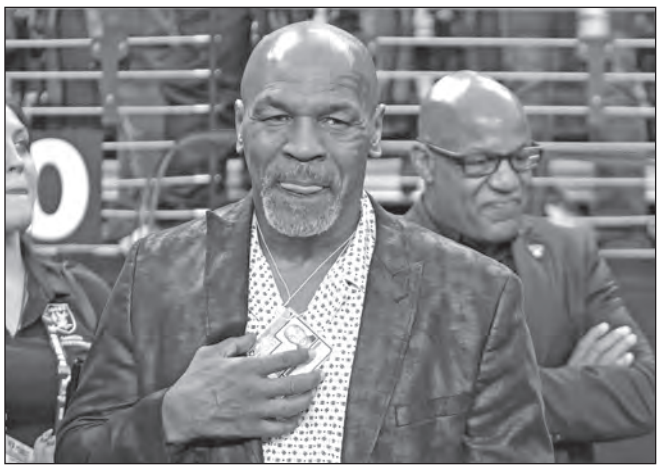
Netflix will provide live coverage of the bout between the 27-year-old Paul, a social media star-turned-boxer, and 57-year-old Tyson, who hasn't fought since an exhibition against Roy Jones Jr. in November 2020.

A Department of licensing and Regulation spokesperson said in an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday that "this will be a professional bout with a referee and judges and the results will count as part of the fighters' professional records. So—it's an actual competitive fight."

The fight is scheduled for eight two-minute rounds; most men's pro fights have three-minute rounds. The boxer's gloves will weigh 14 ounces instead of the standard pro weight of 10 ounces; heavier gloves reduce the power of punches.

In approving terms for fights, the department's combative sports staff considers, among other factors, each contestant's age, medical tests, win-loss record and losses by knockout or technical knockout.

Paul built a significant fan following as a YouTube influencer before he embarked on a professional boxing career four years ago. He has won nine of 10 fights with six knockouts against mostly undistinguished opponents, including several mixed martial artists and a fellow YouTuber.



AP

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson stands on the field before an NFL football game between the Las Vegas Raiders and the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, in Las Vegas

Harvey Weinstein to return to court Wednesday after his NY rape conviction was overturned

NEW YORK (AP)—Harvey Weinstein is due back in a New York courtroom Wednesday for his first appearance since an appeals court last week overturned his 2020 rape conviction and ordered a new trial.

The preliminary hearing in Manhattan is expected to include discussion of evidence, scheduling and other matters, according to Weinstein's attorney, Arthur Aidala.

Aidala said Weinstein will attend the hearing, despite the 72-year-old having been hospitalized since shortly after his return to the city jail system on Friday from an upstate prison. He has said Weinstein, who has cardiac issues and diabetes, was undergoing unspecified tests due to his health issues.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office has said it is determined to retry the case against Weinstein. Legal experts say that may be a long road and come down to whether the women he's accused of assaulting are willing to testify again. One of the women, Mimi Haley, said Friday she was still considering whether she would testify at any retrial.

Aidala said Saturday that he plans to tell the judge that he believes a trial could occur any time after Labor Day.

The once-powerful studio boss was also convicted in Los Angeles in 2022 of another rape and is still sentenced to another 16 years in prison in California.

AP

Harvey Weinstein arrives at a Manhattan courthouse as jury deliberations continue in his rape trial in New York, on Feb. 24, 2020.

King Charles III returns to public duties with a trip to a cancer charity

LONDON (AP)—King Charles III returned to public duties on Tuesday, visiting a cancer treatment charity and beginning his carefully managed comeback after the monarch's own cancer diagnosis sidelined him for three months.

The event was the king's first formal public engagement since Feb. 6, when Buckingham Palace announced that he would be taking a break from public duties to focus on his treatment for an undisclosed type of cancer.

Charles and Queen Camilla met with patients and staff at the University College Hospital Macmillan Cancer Centre in London during their visit.

It was the first of several public appearances Charles is expected to make before a state visit by the emperor and empress of Japan in June.

It is unclear how many of the summer's traditional royal events, including the king's formal birthday parade and the horse racing at Royal Ascot, Charles will attend as his treatment continues. The palace said last week that doctors were "very encouraged" by the king's progress, but his schedule would be adjusted as needed to protect his recovery.

For now, Tuesday's appearance gave Charles another opportunity to raise awareness of the benefits of early diagnosis and treatment of cancer and other health problems as he has done throughout his illness.

Unlike most royals before him, Charles chose to publicly disclose details about his health when he first underwent treatment for an enlarged prostate and later when he was diagnosed with cancer. The decision raised awareness of these issues.

AP

Britain's King Charles III holds up flowers he was given as he leaves after a visit to University College Hospital Macmillan Cancer Centre in London, Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Cheating wife still calling the shots in damaged union

DEAR ABBY: After 10 years of being with my wife, including eight years of marriage, I accidentally discovered she was having affairs online. She put me through weeks of lies, denial, minimizing and obfuscating before finally giving me full disclosure. At this point, I'll never know if I can believe her after her seven years of off-and-on cheating with one main partner and two others. Even if I were to believe she's remorseful and has changed, it's hard to live with what's already happened.

It's been 15 months. I can't get past the pain of the betrayal and the feeling that she didn't love or respect me for most of our relationship. In addition, there are images I can't get out of my head. I want to leave, but finances and young children make it complicated. Also, my wife will cry, get dramatic and make me feel bad, telling me she will just go to a homeless shelter. I don't know if she's purposely trying to make me feel guilty or what. Please help.

LIVING IN PAIN IN OREGON

DEAR LIVING: Of COURSE your wife is trying to make you feel guilty! The best defense is a strong offense. She didn't lie to you once—your entire marriage has been a continuous lie. Are you even sure the children are yours and not one of her lovers'?

Talk to a lawyer NOW. (While you're at it, make an appointment to be tested for STDs.) If you are the father of any of those children, file for full custody. Where your wife lives after that is up to her. (Perhaps one of her lovers will take her in, which will spare you your feelings of undeserved guilt for protecting yourself.)

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DEAR ABBY: I have been independent from my family for 25 years. I have always lived a few hours' drive from them. (I now live an hour away from my mother and three hours from my sister and her family.) For every occasion over those 25 years, I have always visited them—spending time, money on gas, putting thousands of miles on my car and sometimes taking time off from work. Never has anyone visited me, other than once when my sister was passing through and wanted to have lunch.

I have invited my family countless times, but there's always an excuse. Often, it's that my place is too small to accommodate them or that I have a roommate. I'm expected to spend my resources visiting them or go broke to have a place that can accommodate them. I am reminded of this lopsided situation every time my roommate's family visits multiple times per year. They stay in hotels.

I'm not confrontational. I love my family, but I feel some boundaries need to be established. Am I unreasonable? If not, do you have any suggestions?

DEAR ABBY

BY ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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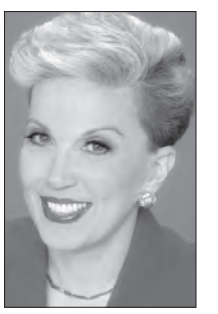

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

ALL ON ME IN FLORIDA

DEAR ALL: If it is not practical to continue traveling to visit your relatives, stop doing it. Do not stop inviting them to visit you, however, and when you do, tell them you know they would be more comfortable staying in a nearby hotel or motel, which is what your roommate's family has been doing for years.

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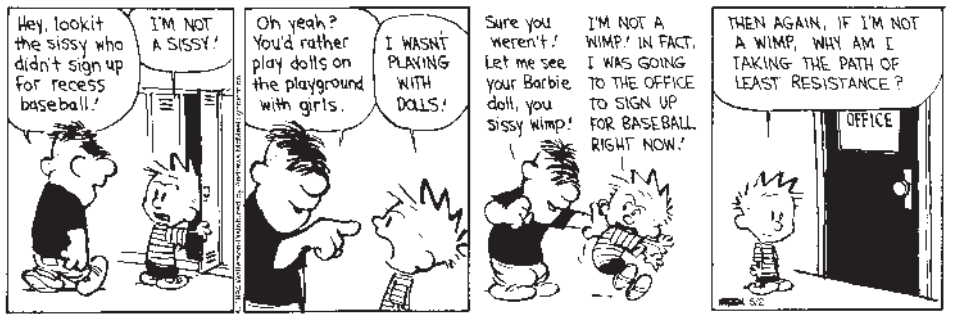
What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


Hey, lookit the sissy who didn't sign up for recess baseball!
I'M NOT A SISSY!
Oh yeah? You'd rather play dolls on the playground with girls.
I WASN'T PLAYING WITH DOLLS!
Sure you weren't! Let me see your Barbie doll, you sissy wimp!
I'M NOT A WIMP! IN FACT, I WAS GOING TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR BASEBALL RIGHT NOW!
THEN AGAIN, IF I'M NOT A WIMP, WHY AM I TAKING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE?
OFFICE

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

MORE CLAY MONSTERS?
YEP.
I CALL THIS ONE "THE BOOK REPORT I HAVE DUE ON FRIDAY."
WHAT IF YOU SPENT MORE TIME ON THE REPORT THAN...
KATY! I DON'T NEED LOGIC. I NEED MONSTERS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

RECORD PROFIT? REALLY? EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY? WOW! MAXIMUM STAFF PRODUCTION? YOU DON'T SAY!
HUMMING... AND EVERYONE SMILING? AND A BLUEBIRD FLEW IN YOUR WINDOW AND LANDED RIGHT ON YOUR DESK? SURE, GIVEN ALL THAT, I SUPPOSE I COULD.
I'M GUESSING YOUR BOSS GAVE YOU ANOTHER DAY OFF?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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11 Lacking slack
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31 Capote nickname
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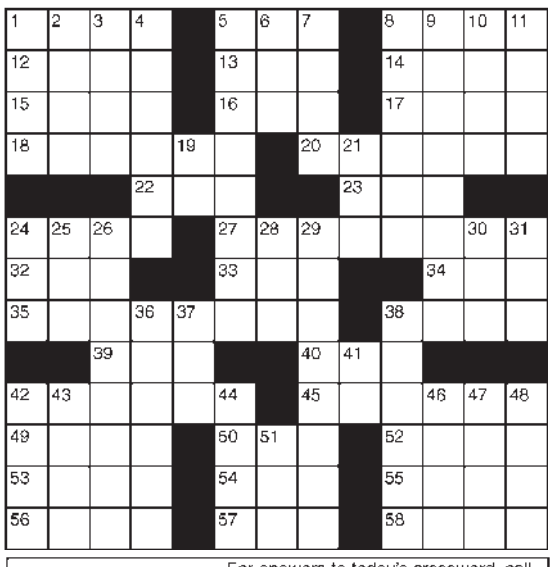

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andrea Bang, 35; Ellie Kemper, 44; David Beckham, 49; Dwayne Johnson, 52.

Happy Birthday: Keep an open mind. Research, adjust your thinking and refuse to be funneled in a contrary direction by someone using manipulation. Your strength stems from intelligence and what you discover. Don't trust others to do the legwork for you. If you want to stay afloat, you must remain at the helm. Personal gain requires your attention and distancing yourself from outside influences. Your numbers are 6, 14, 19, 28, 32, 37, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Dissect your thoughts and feelings before getting involved in a cause. Question what you can contribute and how it affects your routine. Consider the costs and benefits, and decide what's best for you. The test is if you can live up to the demands. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Partnerships require balance and equality to work. If someone tries to push you in a direction that makes you uncomfortable, say no. Stand up for your beliefs and make your position clear. You'll maintain your status quo if you let others know you aren't a pushover. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Consider what you can offer and how best to apply your skills. Expand your mind, allow your emotions to explore the possibilities, and use your intelligence and connections to further your interests. It's up to you to make things happen. Express yourself clearly. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Get your priorities straight and gather information. Pushing yourself to participate in meaningful events will encourage you to broaden your interests and friendships. Self-improvement is apparent; don't overthink your next move when how you react counts. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Keep your life simple, think matters through and put your energy where it counts. Spend time with someone who shares your interests or encourages you to explore possibilities. You'll find your people if you expand your mind, get together with old friends and educate yourself. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Get moving, and you'll be surprised by how much you accomplish. Avoid setting limits if you jump into whatever you want to pursue with energy and enthusiasm. How others perceive you will make a difference to the outcome. Believe in yourself. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't let things fester. Initiate conversations that encourage you to take a stance. Head in the direction best suited to fulfilling your dreams. Take the plunge, make things happen, and let go of the past and what's holding you back. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take a break. Explore pastimes that challenge you and encourage you to feel excited about life. Sharing your ideas will lead to fine-tuning prospects that promote partnerships and an exhilarating lifestyle. Follow your heart. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Listen, analyze and adopt your beliefs. Don't let uncertainty lead to poor decisions. Look inward and take better care of your emotional well-being. Question those who make you feel bad or disrupt your life. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Dedicate your time to finding the truth. Knowledge is essential when making decisions and handling relationships. Avoid financial dealings dependent on others, and explore what and who brings you joy. Follow your heart, focus on your needs and reject demands. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't stumble. Emotional issues will surface, and your astuteness will determine how situations unfold. Choose your words carefully, show tolerance and change only what's necessary. You'll gain the most by paying attention to cash flow and how you use your attributes to get ahead. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Set high standards, see matters through to the end and enjoy sharing your success with those dear to your heart. Personal gains, physical improvements and lifestyle changes will map a path to a better future. Protect against those asking for something and offering nothing. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are persevering, unpredictable and forceful. You are ambitious and original.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty: ★★★ 5/2

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty: ★★★ 5/1

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

JOE LIEBERMAN (1942-2024) **Solution: 8 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Butterfat

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Maxey saves 76ers from elimination in OT, cuts Knicks' lead to 3-2

NEW YORK (AP)—Tyrese Maxey made his Madison Square Garden memory, engineering a season-saving comeback with a rapid-fire flurry that evoked memories of Reggie Miller.

Not that he was thinking about his own legacy as those 3-pointers fell through the net.

"Going through my mind right there was just, find a way to survive," Maxey said.

The 76ers did. Now they're thinking about advancing.

Maxey saved Philadelphia from elimination with seven points in the final 25 seconds of regulation, finished with 46 and led the 76ers to a 112-106 overtime victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series.

The Sixers trailed by six points with 28 seconds left in regulation before Maxey pulled out a comeback that had team trainer Kevin Johnson talking to him about Miller's eight points in nine seconds for Indiana in an out-of-nowhere comeback at Madison Square Garden in 1995.

Asked to describe the feeling, Maxey settled on "mandatory."

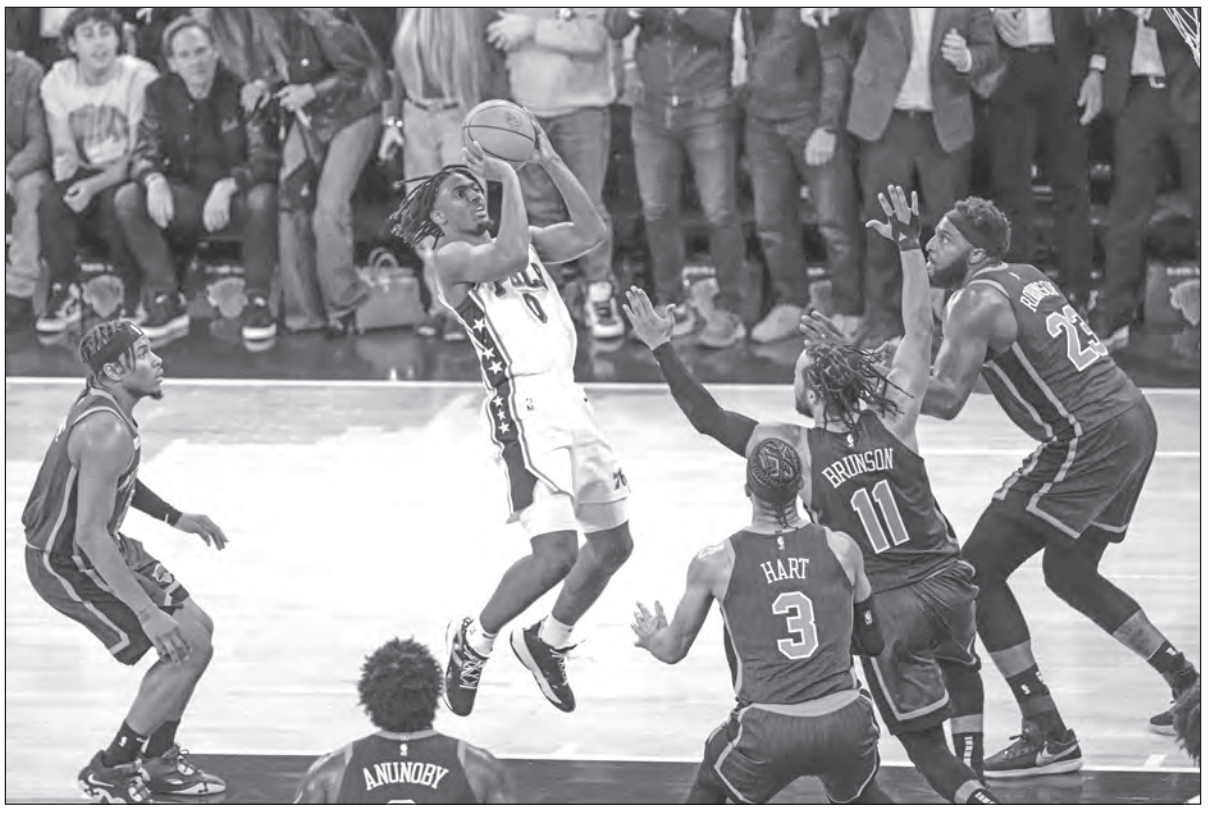
"Like, we had to. Our season on the line," he said.

The All-Star guard converted a four-point play with 25 seconds remaining to cut it to two, and after Josh Hart's free throw, pulled up from 35 feet to tie it at 97 with 8.1 seconds left in front of a stunned crowd that was set to celebrate the Knicks' second straight trip to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Joel Embiid finished with 19 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for the Sixers, who will host Game 6 on Thursday night.

Jalen Brunson scored 40 points for the Knicks, who were thinking about a possible Game 1 of the second round at MSG on Saturday night. Instead, it could be Game 7 of this series, which seemed all but over.

"It was a tough way to lose because you get up six, eight and then we had a couple turnovers and we've got to just be better," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "Play tougher with the lead, use good judgement. Fourth quarter is different, understand the difference. So we can do better and we will."



AP

Philadelphia 76ers' Tyrese Maxey (0) shoots over New York Knicks' Jalen Brunson (11), Mitchell Robinson (23) and Josh Hart (3) during the second half of Game 5 in an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in New York.

It was the second desperate rally to avoid what seemed like certain defeat in what has been a razor-tight series between Atlantic Division rivals. The Knicks won Game 2 after trailing by five points with under 30 seconds remaining.

Embiid, who has been ailing and missed shootaround with a headache, didn't score like usual after coming into the game with an NBA-leading 35 points per game in the playoffs. But Maxey picked up the load, making seven 3-pointers while adding nine assists.

"I think that considering that our No. 1 option was struggling, for him to say, 'All right, I got to put this team on my back and go,' I just kept encouraging him, like, to take his chances, take his shots, make plays," Sixers coach Nick Nurse said. "And he certainly did it and got in a rhythm and made a whole bunch of them."

Maxey had the most points by a Sixers player in a win to stave off elimination, surpassing Hall of Famer Allen Iverson's 44 in a Game 7 win against Milwaukee in the 2001 Eastern Conference final.

Maxey's last 3-pointer got the 76ers on the board in overtime after Brunson scored the first five points. That triggered a 9-0 run that Embiid capped with a three-point play with 1:40 remaining for a 106-102 lead, and after Brunson's 3 tied it at 106, Kelly Oubre Jr. made the tiebreaking basket with 1:02 to go and Tobias Harris followed with two free throws.

Harris had 19 points and Oubre scored 14.

Hart had 18 points and OG Anunoby 17 for the Knicks, who won Game 4 at Philadelphia and didn't appear like they were heading back there. But the Sixers' rally to win by six meant the No. 7 seeds have outscored the Knicks by two total points in the series.

Embiid was the target of the loud and long boos before the game even started, Knicks fans angry after his flagrant foul on Robinson in Game 3 in Philadelphia. They had plenty of chances to jeer him after Embiid also had nine turnovers in a sloppy performance.

But thanks to Maxey, Embiid might be playing in front of that MSG crowd one more time.

"It's not hostile," Embiid said of the taunts that were frequently profane. "I mean, I love New York. New York is one of my favorite cities in the world. I have (had) a place here for the past five years. I just love New York. And then the fans, when you play against a team, they're always going to pick that guy and they seem to have picked me, which is fun. I love it."

Embiid shuffled slowly through the locker room a little more than an hour before the game, resting his head in his hand while he briefly sat before going to warm up. He may have lacked energy, but the 23-year-old Maxey, the winner of the NBA's Most Improved Player award, seems to have a limitless amount.

Robinson returned after missing Game 4 with a sprained left ankle, but the Knicks announced before the game that Bojan Bogdanovic would miss the rest of the playoffs and have surgery on the left foot he injured in Game 4.

The Knicks, who have flourished when Embiid is resting in the series, started a 22-5 run while he was out in the second quarter and went up by 10 points in the period. They were ahead 70-69 going to the fourth.

CAVALIERS 104, MAGIC 103

CLEVELAND (AP)—Donovan Mitchell scored 28 points, Evan Mobley blocked Franz Wagner's layup in the final seconds and Cleveland survived a scare from Orlando, holding off Paolo Banchero and the Magic to take a 3-2 lead in their Eastern Conference series.

The Cavs, who were embarrassed by the Magic while dropping two games in Orlando last week, regrouped inside roaring Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.

It took everything they had.

After Mitchell missed a jumper with 15.7 seconds left, Wagner drove the left side for a potential game-tying layup but was denied at the rim with 6 seconds left by Mobley, who smacked the ball off the backboard.

Mitchell was fouled and made two free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining to make 104-100. There wasn't enough time for the Magic, who got a 3-pointer in the final second from Banchero, giving him 39 points.

BUCKS 115, MAGIC 92

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Khris Middleton and Bobby Portis each scored 29 points and short-handed Milwaukee kept their season alive by routing Indiana in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series.

Portis had the highest point total of his playoff career and added 10 rebounds to make amends two nights after he got ejected from a Game 4 loss. Middleton had his third straight game with at least 25 points, and he also contributed 12 rebounds and five assists.

The Pacers still lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Thursday in Indianapolis. The Pacers are trying to advance beyond the opening round for the first time since 2014.

Nuggets coach Malone: Defense of NBA title won't get any easier against Wolves in Round 2

DENVER (AP)—Sending LeBron James to his earliest playoff exit was harder than it looked, and Denver Nuggets coach Michael Malone doesn't foresee the next step in their title defense getting any easier.

Not with the likes of Karl Anthony-Towns, Rudy Gobert and Anthony Edwards up next when the Minnesota Timberwolves visit the Mile High City this weekend for the start of their second-round series.

Malone's relieved that the Nuggets don't have to return to L.A. to close out the Lakers and instead can focus on rest and recovery after a hard-fought series in which they trailed most of the time before facing the Timberwolves, who completed their sweep of the Suns on Sunday.

This might have been the hardest 4-1 series win in NBA history. The Nuggets trailed by double digits in the first four games and by nine Monday night before their championship chutzpah once again showed up just in time.

"They're not an easy out," Malone said after Jamal Murray's second game-winner of the series gave Denver a 108-106 win over the Lakers in Game 5 Monday night. "LeBron James is arguably the greatest player of all-time. Anthony Davis is a Hall of Famer. And they gave us all we could handle.

"We did not want to get on that plane going back to L.A. And so now we can try to get ready for Saturday against a beast in Minnesota," Malone said. "But I've got to give the Lakers a lot of credit. Man, that was a hard-fought series, a lot harder than 4-1 might indicate because we had to scrap for every game that we won in this series."

The Timberwolves are coming off their first series win since 2004 and the first sweep in the franchise's history.

"Give Minnesota credit, they handled their business," Malone said.

So did the Nuggets, even though it wasn't pretty much of the time, save for Murray's clutch shooting, Nikola Jokic's usual dominance and Michael Porter Jr.'s steady spectacular play despite dealing with family drama that includes one brother going to jail and another getting banned by the NBA.

Management wanted Murray to sit this one out lest he aggravate his strained left calf, but Murray would have none of it and he went out and sparked Denver's series-clincing win with a gutsy performance.

"He's a tough shot maker," Jokic said. "I think he makes more tough shots that easy, open looks. I think he loves those moments, those situations and I'm very confident in him that he's going to make the shot."

Another starter, guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, turned an ankle and the Nuggets found it much harder to beat the Lakers this year than they did in dispatching them in the Western Conference finals last summer.

"I believe in my guys," Jokic said, "and I think the toughness right now in the playoffs, it's not even a question, to be honest."

Now the second-seeded Nuggets face a third-seeded Timberwolves team that gave them a tough test in the playoffs last year despite a roster riddled with injuries.

The Nuggets finally found their long-range shooting touch just in time Monday night, sinking 16 3-pointers, six more than Los Angeles, and they held the Lakers to 52 points in the paint after allowing an average of 71 in two games in L.A.

"There's so much room for improvement," Malone said. "It was great to see us finally make some 3s tonight, 16 for 38. That has been a real area where we have struggled, not because they weren't good looks but because they weren't going down.

"We can get better and we're going to have to get better because Minnesota was the No. 1 team in the West for most of the year," Malone said. "And it's going to be a hard-fought series and I'm sure they're going to want revenge from last season."

Orioles defeat Yankees to take one game lead in AL East

BALTIMORE (AP)—Dean Kremer pitched seven innings of two-run ball, Adley Rutschman extended his hitting streak to a career-best 11 games and the Baltimore Orioles defeated the New York Yankees 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Baltimore won the first two games of a four-game series between the AL East's top teams and opened a one-game AL East lead, the largest this season for the defending division champion.

Juan Soto hit a 447-foot homer and Austin Wells also had a solo drive for the Yankees, which has lost four of six and scored just two runs in the series.

Kremer (2-2) matched his longest outing this season, allowing four hits and striking out four. While he surrendered Wells' leadoff homer in the third and Soto's sixth-inning drive onto Eutaw Street beyond the right-field wall, he also induced three double-play grounders.

Jacob Webb recorded four outs—including striking out Aaron Judge to end the eighth—for his first bug league save.

AP

Baltimore Orioles relief pitcher Jacob Webb throws during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in Baltimore.

CARDINALS 2, TIGERS 1, 1ST GAME
TIGERS 11, CARDINALS 6, 2ND GAME

DETROIT (AP)—Wenceel Pérez hit homers from both sides of the plate, including a tiebreaking blast in the fifth inning, to help Detroit beat St. Louis 11-6 Tuesday to split a doubleheader.

In the opener, Jack Flaherty tied an American League record with seven straight strikeouts to start a game and struck out a career-high 14 before St. Louis rallied against a usually strong bullpen with a two-run ninth inning to beat Detroit 2-1.

The Tigers went ahead again in the second game and pulled away with a four-run seventh.

Perez hit a right-handed, opposite-field solo shot in the second inning off Steven Matz and a left-handed, two-run homer against Ryan Fernandez to put Detroit ahead 7-5.

The 24-year-old Dominican became the first rookie to clear the fences for the franchise hitting right and left handed in the same game since Raúl Casanova in 1996, and the first Tiger with any level of experience to do it since Victor Martinez in 2018.

ROYALS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP)—Michael Massey hit a two-run home run, Cole Ragans struck out nine in 6 2/3 innings, and Kansas City beat Toronto to snap a three-game losing streak.

Bobby Witt Jr. reached base three times and drove in a run as the Royals improved to 17-11 in April. It's the most victories Kansas City has had in a month since going 17-9 in June 2017.

Ragans (2-2) allowed one run and four hits. The left-hander left because of cramping in his left calf after walking consecutive batters. John Schreiber came on and retired Cavan Biggio to end the inning.

Schreiber got four outs and right-hander James McArthur finished for his seventh save in eight chances.

RED SOX 4, GIANTS 0

BOSTON (AP)—Rookie Wilyer Abreu had a single, double and his first career triple, Cooper Criswell pitched five scoreless innings and Boston beat San Francisco for their major league-leading sixth shutout.

Abreu, who finished a homer shy of hitting for the cycle, helped Boston win its third straight. Jarren Duran singled in his first three at-bats and drove in a run and Rob Refsnyder had a pair of RBI singles as the Red Sox quickly ended to Giants ace Logan Webb's streak of 19 straight scoreless innings.

MARLINS 7, ROCKIES 6, 10 INNINGS

MIAMI (AP)—Dane Myers hit a game-winning single in the 10th inning as Miami overcame a five-run deficit and beat Colorado, making the Rockies the first team since 1900 to trail in each of its first 29 games.

Miami (7-24) bounced back from a 5-0 first-inning deficit by scoring five times in the ninth, then rallied from down 6-5 in the 10th and ended a seven-game losing streak.

The Rockies (7-22) had lost Sunday and joined the 1910 St. Louis Browns as the only teams to trail in each of their first 28 games.

Colorado never was behind until after the final pitch.

Backed by a 5-0 first-inning lead, Adam Feltner entered the ninth trying for his first professional complete game but allowed Vidal Bruján's leadoff single, hit Christian Bethancourt with a pitch, then gave up Luis Arraez's RBI double.

METS 4, CUBS 2

NEW YORK (AP)—DJ Stewart hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth inning Tuesday night, lifting the New York Mets to a win over the Chicago Cubs.

Stewart, whose roster spot could have been in jeopardy with the activation of J.D. Martinez last week and the return Tuesday of Starling Marte from the bereavement list, had just three hits in his previous 23 at-bats before homering into the second deck in right field against Adbert Alzolay (1-3) to give New York a 4-1 lead.

Stewart gazed toward the home dugout before flipping his bat like a baton upon beginning his trot.

RANGERS 7, NATIONALS 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Jon Gray retired 22 of the last 23 batters he faced while limiting Washington to three singles over eight innings and Texas won to end the Nationals' four-game winning streak.

Josh Smith and Leody Taveras homered for the defending World Series champion Rangers (16-14), who have won back-to-back games for only the second time since April 6.

Coming off a four-game sweep of Miami on the road, the Nationals (14-15) missed a chance to get over .500 for the first time since July 1, 2021.

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 5

CHICAGO (AP)—Max Kepler hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the ninth inning and Minnesota won their ninth straight game, beating the Chicago White Sox.

The Twins extended their best win streak since a 10-game run in June 2008. They also won their seventh in a row against the White Sox and put themselves in position to sweep Chicago again after taking four at Target Field last week, though this one certainly wasn't easy.

Chicago's Andrew Benintendi homered leading off the eighth to tie it at 5 after Minnesota scored twice in the top half. But the Twins pulled it out in the ninth.

Byron Buxton walked leading off against Michael Kopech (0-3) and took third on Manuel Margot's one-out single. Kepler then put Minnesota on top with a sacrifice fly to center.

BREWERS 8, RAYS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Willy Adames hit a three-run homer and Milwaukee beat Tampa Bay Rays in a game that included a nasty fight between the teams.

The fracas ensued after Jose Siri grounded out against Brewers pitcher Abner Uribe leading off the eighth inning. Uribe and Siri exchanged words near first base and things quickly became heated.

With an umpire standing between them trying to keep the peace, Uribe threw a punch at Siri, who then took a wild swing at the reliever.

Milwaukee first baseman Rhys Hoskins tried to break up the fight but was knocked to the ground as both dugouts and bullpens emptied quickly.

The animosity between Siri and the Brewers had been building all night, starting when he took a long look at his solo home run off Freddy Peralta in the third.

When Siri came up again in the sixth, Peralta drilled him with a 3-0 fastball, leading to ejections for Peralta and Milwaukee manager Pat Murphy.

It was the second consecutive ejection for Murphy, thrown out of Monday's game against the Rays for arguing a call.

ASTROS 10, GUARDIANS 9, 10 INNINGS

HOUSTON (AP)—Pinch-hitter Victor Caratini's two-run homer with two outs in the 10th inning and Josh Hader's first two-inning outing since 2019 lifted Houston over Cleveland.

Houston trailed by 1 after pinch-hitter David Fry's RBI double off Josh Hader (1-2) with two outs in the top of the inning.

Caratini homered to right-center field off Hunter Gaddis (1-1) to give the Astros a season-high three-game winning streak. They swept a two-game series over the Rockies in Mexico City this weekend.

Hader pitched a scoreless ninth before returning for the 10th. It was the first time he had gotten more than three outs in a regular-season game since getting four on Aug. 14, 2020, and his first two-inning appearance in five years.

Josh Naylor hit a three-run homer and Andrés Giménez hit his first homer this season with a two-run shot for Cleveland before Estevan Florial tied it with a three-run homer in the Guardians' five-run sixth.

ATHLETICS 5, PIRATES 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—JJ Bleday hit a go-ahead home run with one out in the fifth and a two-run drive in the seventh for his first career multi-homer game, leading Oakland past Pittsburgh.

Mitch Spence (3-1) struck out two over three scoreless innings for the win in relief of starter Alex Wood. The left-hander is still winless over four starts in Oakland since joining the club as a free agent Feb. 2 — and he is yet to pitch more than 5 2/3 innings in seven 2024 starts.

Tyler Nevin and Abraham Toro hit RBI singles in the second for the A's after Shea Langeliers doubled to start the inning against Pirates right-hander Mitch Keller (2-3).

MARINERS 3, BRAVES 2

SEATTLE (AP)—Luis Castillo threw seven shutout innings to continue Seattle's run of starting pitching dominance and the Mariners' bullpen held on for a victory over Atlanta.

Castillo (3-4) retired the final 11 hitters he faced and allowed just three hits to an Atlanta squad with the second-best offense in MLB. He left to a standing ovation after throwing 103 pitches and striking out seven.

With Castillo's stellar outing, Mariners starting pitchers have allowed two earned runs or fewer in a franchise-record 18 consecutive games.

The AL West-leading Mariners are also the first team in MLB history to post an ERA of 1.60 or lower and 160-plus strikeouts in an 18-game span.

The Braves lost consecutive games for the first time this season, the last team in the majors to do so.

Atlanta threatened in the fourth inning when Matt Olson drew a one-out walk and Marcell Ozuna followed with a single, but Castillo struck out Orlando Arcia and got Michael Harris III to ground out to end the inning.

The Mariners struck first on Jorge Polanco's two-run homer in the third. Dylan Moore added another for Seattle with a fourth-inning RBI double against Braves starter Reynaldo López.

Lopez (2-1) allowed six hits and three earned runs over five innings, with two walks and seven strikeouts.

PHILLIES 7, ANGELS 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Johan Rojas hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the ninth inning moments after Nick Castellanos' tying shot, sending Philadelphia to a victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Trailing 5-4 with one out and nobody on base in the ninth, the Phillies avoided only their second back-to-back losses since March with three extra-base hits on five pitches from Angels closer Carlos Estévez (0-1), who blew his second save of the season in spectacular fashion.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, DODGERS 3, 10 INNINGS

PHOENIX (AP)—Christian Walker homered twice, including a two-run drive in the 10th inning that gave Arizona a bee-delayed win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

A bee swarm atop the netting behind home plate caused a delay of nearly two hours as players and fans waited for a beekeeper to remove the colony.

The activity in the game didn't pick up until late.

Gabriel Moreno hit a tying single for Arizona in the eighth, but Los Angeles reliever Nabil Crismatt (1-1) worked a perfect ninth to send it to extra innings.

‘Baby K’ and Evita MVPs of women’s division

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Kiana “Baby K” Camacho and Evita Maratita were awarded the most valuable player trophies of the 2024 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association women’s division during the awards ceremony last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Camacho, from the champion team Lady Blue Jays, was crowned the playoff and finals MVP, while Maratita of Lady Sufa, was awarded the regular season MVP and the season’s batting champion with a .731 average from 19 out of 26 at-bats.

Other individual category awardees were awarded. The Lady Blue Jays’ Kianu Aldan was the triples champion with three, home run champion with three, and shared the RBI champion title with Maratita and Mayiah Duenas with 12 each.

Janica Iguel of Bat & Boujee was the runs scored champion with 16 and 670 Magas Babes’ Catalina Dela Cruz was the doubles champion with six.

Over on the pitching side, Lady Blue Jays’ Angel Deleon Guerrero had the lowest earned run average of 3.161, while the strike out champion was Bat & Boujee’s Janice Celis with 45.

As for the team awards, the runner-up was BDE; the sportsmanship award went to Boleras; the regular season champions were the Lady Blue Jays, and the regular season runner-up was the 670 Magas Babes.

For Camacho, she said she is “incredibly honored and grateful” for receiving the MVP award from BASA.

The award, she said, “is a symbol of my collective commitment to excellence. It’s a testament to the dedication and effort put in by every member of our team.”

“Winning the championship is not just about the victory itself, but about the countless hours of practice, teamwork, and perseverance that brought us to this moment,” she said. “I want to thank my teammates, coaches, and everyone who supported us along the way. I couldn’t be prouder to be part of such an amazing team. We’re thrilled to have our hard work recognized, and we’re looking forward to continuing our success in the future.”

For Maratita, she said on receiving the award, “I feel blessed and honored to achieve this award. Never in my lifetime would I ever thought I could only because I did it for fun and staying productive to keep in shape.”

When asked how the season was, she said, “this season was excitingly fun and fierce competition altogether.” She has been playing softball since she was in high school and has played softball in any opportunity presented to her, and said she’ll be back to play in the league next season.

“I would like to say thank you to the Budweiser BASA Softball League, our sponsor congressman [Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan)], our families and friends who come out to cheer and supported us, [and] our coaches who are patient and have confidence in us. Lastly, [to] my team Lady Sufa for their love and awesome sportsmanship this season,” said Maratita.

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Lady Blue Jays’ Kiana “Baby K” Camacho poses with her MVP award and with 2024 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association board members during the awards ceremony last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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Lady Sufa’s Evita Maratita poses with her MVP award and with 2024 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association board members during the awards ceremony last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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were very young. My two boys and I have all raced since 1998 and Mari joined us not too long after in 2003. So, racing has always been a family thing for us. Our daughter, Shaniah, was the only late bloomer and finally joined us in 2020. Both Alverick and Shaniah live off-island so that’s the only reason why they aren’t racing now,” he added.

Cuki said he, Mari, and Shane try to practice every Sunday. “I ride side by side with my wife during practice runs to push and hone her skills.”

The apple didn’t fall far from the tree, as Shane also won both heats in the Expert Class to finish with 50 points. MRA president Ellery Cruz was second with 42 points, while Cepeda again came third with 38 points.

“Round 3 was a fun but hot dry and dusty one. Some parts of our track are sand-like dirt so when we blast out of the turns it throws big dust clouds up that make it extra hard to maneuver on the track as sometimes you could be coming in blind. The only way to have a clear track is if you’re up front or right there battling for the lead and taking different lines,” said the 30-year-old Financial & Insurance Services Group staff.

Thankfully, Shane said he was able to get great starts and run up front from start to finish to eventually pick up the Expert Class checkered flag.

“Having that clear track makes it a lot easier than it could be. I’d like to thank God for keeping all the riders safe, Trench Tech Racing Team, Cycles Plus Guam, my parents, and all my riding buddies on the track! We all help and push each other on the track when we ride teammates or not. At the end of the day, we’re all family and it’s fierce but friendly competition,” he said.

As for his father and mother also winning in April, Shane said it just goes to show how competitiveness runs in the family.

“We’ve all always been competitive in everything we do and we’ve always done it as a family. Glad we were all able to secure the wins in our classes!”

Mari, for her part, finished with 47 points to nose out Merissa Rasa and Billie Inabo Pangelinan, who finished with 42 and 25 points, respectively, on the Women’s Class.

“I got lucky winning by points. Billie was not able to race the second heat because her bike stalled at the starting line. Crazy but that’s part of racing, sometimes you’re ready but your bike is not. Billie girl is a whole other level, I don’t push myself that hard anymore, for safety reasons considering my age,” said the Alvarez matriarch on how circumstance led to her victory.

Mari said winning is always nice, but it’s all icing on the cake as just being able to race is already a great achievement.

“It’s been hot lately with little or no rain so our track on race day was really dry, dusty, and dirt was loose. Thankfully my bike ran well and I wasn’t sliding much. I dedicate my win to our jiu-jitsu kids who were in Guam competing in the Patgon Jiu-Jitsu Tournament and representing Saipan and Trench Tech. Both my husband and I really wanted to be there for them but we were already committed to another local event in addition to our monthly race,” she said.

Mari also extended her gratitude to the Trench Tech Racing Team and their teammates, specially to Bob Ferrer for repairing her bike before the second heat. “Otherwise, it wouldn’t have been safe to race it. I also want to thank Rep. J.P. Sablan and Speaker Edmund Villagomez for all their support to the TT team.”

The 53-year-old FISG staff also echoed Cuki and Shane’s reaction to the Alvarez family’s domination on the track last Sunday.

“It is always awesome and epic for our family to win together especially that motocross has been a family affair since ever since.”

Results of the other division of the 2024 “MOTO IV” April Points Race Series will be published in tomorrow’s issue of *Saipan Tribune*.

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plays and a big 3-pointer by Getsen Jandoc to make it 75-77.

Savemore’s defense pressured Yuman to make inaccurate shots and kept them at a 2-point lead until Yuman’s Justine Enano finally sank in a jumper for a 79-75 game. However, Savemore kept the baskets coming and closed the gap again to 2 points, 77-79.

With just over three minutes left, Yuman fought tooth and nail to widen the gap, but they stalled at 81 points as Savemore gained traction at crunch time.

Missed opportunities by Yuman opened up a mounting comeback for Savemore, and a rejection of a Yuman basket attempt caused a turnover and allowed Savemore’s Jandoc to come in clutch and turn the game to their favor, 82-81.

The game stalled at 82-81 until there was just one minute left as both teams tried to put up more points over the other. A layup by Carl Aldan put up Yuman by 1 again, 83-82, with less than a minute into the game, but Jandoc was fouled and took the lead back, 84-83.

Yuman’s Sean Licayan then made a fastbreak layup and restored their lead but only by 1 point once more, 85-84.

In the end—as they scrambled for possession, Julius Domine and Jandoc came in clutch from the free throw line as they scored back-to-back-to-back—which was enough to guarantee their finals spot with just a 2-point margin, 87-85.

Domine led Savemore with a game-high 32 points, while Jandoc contributed 17, and Rodjay Macaraig put up 12. Aldan led Yuman with 26 points, Enano had 21 markers, and Keith Nuyles scored 14.

As for Choju, they notched their minimum two wins and gained the first finals spot after they defeated Savemore in also a close game, 72-70, last Thursday.

Choju first defeated Yuman last April 23 and needed to win just one more game to reach the finals. Savemore, on the other hand, won their first semis game against Premier Builders also last April 23, but fell to Choju, so they had to play one more game.

Catch the best-of-3 championship tomorrow night, Saturday, and if needed, next Tuesday—all at 6:30pm at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

Savemore 89 – Domine 32, Jandoc 17, Macaraig 12, Malinay 10, Hipolito 6, Sapo 4, Vicente 2, Habos 2, Patigayan 2.

Yuman 87 – Aldan 26, Enano 21, Nuyles 14, Atencio 9, Licayan 8, Cristobal 7, Yumul 2.

Scoring by halves: 44-40, 87-85.

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Hilitais up, 1-0, in the 6th minute. The Knights had trouble maneuvering as the Hilitais’ defenses slithered and snaked tightly through the pitch.

The reset of the first half went on and expired quietly with both teams unable to get a proper foothold of the ball. But HMS hit the ground running in the second half and quickly added another goal off a kick by Aldric Antonio in the 35th minute to make it a 2-0 game.

Battle for possession continued and the Hilitais found a break in MCS’ defenses in the 41st minute for a 3-nil lead. However, MCS’ Damien Concepcion made a break for it and scored just a minute later to get on the board.

MCS couldn’t feed off that momentum though and time ran out without an additional goal for a 1-3 final.

Saipan International School Geckos then trounced Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Napu Riders, 7-2.

Both teams’ goalies had their work cut out for them as the Geckos made a barrage of attacks throughout the match. They were goal hungry and just two minutes in, SIS were up, 1-0 from a goal by Theo Joab.

FMS retaliated right away and tied it up, 1-1, in the 5th minute by De’Anthony Aldan.

However, SIS retained possession for most of the first half and capitalized as Taiga Namai-Scoggins and Joab put two more goals for a 3-1 lead by the 18th minute.

FMS had yet to find an opening and before they could score again, Scoggins made it 4-1 in the 28th minute. FMS’ goalie was bombarded with another goal just three minutes later and in a blink of an eye, SIS was up, 5-1.

Finally, Aldan got a break and scored the Napu Riders’ second goal in the 42nd minute for a 2-5 game. But it wasn’t enough as they were then shut down and attempted attacks at the goal later were far off and inaccurate.

SIS held on to the lead and added two more by Landon Springer and Quido Jambor for good measure, and FMS conceded, 2-7.

The championship game is set for today at 5:30pm, while the third-place game is at 4pm.

Maxey saves 76ers from elimination in OT, cuts Knicks' lead to 3-2
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Alvarez familia dominates April race

Cuki Alvarez

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Cuki, Shane, and Mari Alvarez dominated their respective divisions of last Sunday's the 2024 "MOTO IV" April Points Race Series at the Cowtown Race Park.

Cuki was the top dog in the Veterans Class after winning both heats for a perfect 50 points. Champi Villacanes ws second with 44 points, while former Marianas Racing Association president Charles Cepeda completed the Top 3 with 40 points.

"I decided to just race the Veterans Class only this year because I was feeling a little burnt out racing two classes the past four years—veterans and expert. So winning is a little 'funner' because I don't have to work that hard and I only get to focus on one race! Not to mention, the younger kids are getting really fast," said the 53-year-old boat captain and sensei at Trench Tech Purebred Gym.

As for his wife and son also winning in April, the Alvarez patriarch said it just made his Veterans Class win a lot sweeter.

"The Alvarez fam has always done everything together. Motocross probably being the main sport since we've been doing it since my kids

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Savemore, Choju in Legends caging finals

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The Legends Sports Association Invitational Basketball League Season 2 finals stage is set as Savemore and Choju won their double-elimination semifinal games last Tuesday and Thursday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

Savemore won by the skin of their teeth, 89-87, in a thrilling semis showdown against a formidable Yuman team last Tuesday.

Yuman blew a 5-point lead, 77-72, with under 5 minutes left in the game as Savemore chipped away with fastbreak

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Savemore team poses for a group photo after their semifinals game against Yuman in the Legends Sports Association Invitational Basketball League Season 2 last Tuesday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

HMS 1, SIS in boys MS soccer finals

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It's a battle of reptiles in the 2023-2024 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Boys Middle School Soccer League finals as Hopwood Middle School Hilitais and Saipan International School Geckos triumphed in their semifinal games last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

HMS went up against Mount Carmel School Knights and defeated them, 3-1.

Joshua Jay Lizama found the net early and put the

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LEIGH GASES

Saipan International School's Taiga Namai-Scoggins, right, tries to lose Francisco M. Sablan Middle School's De'Anthony Aldan during their semis matchup in the 2023-2024 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Boys Middle School Soccer League last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.